

WEATHER FORECASTS

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday.
Victoria and vicinity—Easterly and
soother winds, partly cloudy and mild
with occasional showers.
Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, mostly
cloudy and mild with rain.

Victoria Daily Times

WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Pantages, Vaudeville.
Royal Victoria, Arms and the Girl.
Variety, The Antics of Ann.
Dominion, The Cinderella Man.

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'HOROUGHLY PRACTICAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EDUCATION CONFERENCE

on. J. D. MacLean Sponsors Addition of Civics and Canadian History to High School Curricula; Promotion by Examination Modified on Sensible Lines

Arising out of the recent two-day conference participated in by thirty-one British Columbia representatives of the scholastic profession and presided over throughout by the Hon. J. D. MacLean, minister of Education, many important recommendations for the improvement of the High School curricula will come under the immediate consideration of the Provincial Department of Education. In a general resume of the proceedings authorized for publication by the minister this morning, among other desirable changes foreshadowed is proposed to have the matriculation examination—or High School leaving—in future under the control of the Department. It is also the intention to have a Matriculation Board composed of the Superintendent of Education and representatives of the British Columbia University and High Schools. One of the functions of the board will be to see that every paper carefully revised before it is placed for the students as a test of their success to take up their studies at the university. Failure to pass his final examination will not debar a student from promotion henceforward, since a new plan proposed will require a report from each of the principals on a work and standing of each candidate from his school, and upon such record the Examining Board will have power to permit a favorable classmate report to qualify the student for promotion.

More Optional Courses.

It is also the intention to give more optional courses in the first year of the High School. Elementary science will be the place of one of the languages, more important than any of the proposed innovations perhaps is the decision to add Civics and Canadian History to the work of the first year in the High School. In view of the changing customs of many nations and the ever increasing necessity for the average citizen, whether young or old, to place himself in possession of the documents, at least, of Government, on which the history of the Dominion will of a certainty have so important a bearing, this recommendation of the Conference Dr. MacLean regards as vital and essential to the modified and changed curricula. Commercial courses and technical work will be continued as heretofore.

Objects of Conference.

It will be recalled that the invitations to the Conference, which convened its deliberations late on Saturday afternoon last, were sent out by the Minister of Education more than six weeks ago, the determining factor which was the realization by Dr. MacLean that many changes in the existing curricula were absolutely necessary if the educational functions of the province were to be carried out with the maximum of benefit to the young generation. As a means to achieve that end very careful selection was employed in the matter of the personnel of the Conference. That is to say, the Minister was particularly anxious of bringing together a body of men representative of all modern plans for the building up of a young mind in the manner demanded by the times, and particularly of the present unsettled state that the promise of greater demands on the intelligence of the future generation.

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AIR RAIDS MAKE

GERMANS UNEASY

People Realizing It Was Mistake to Stir Up the Allies

Universities Represented.—Every member who took part in the conference, which, by the way, comprised both sexes, was without exception a university graduate, the assembly being thoroughly representative of the classes of High Schools throughout the Province of British Columbia. Universities of Cambridge, Dublin, Glasgow, Acadia, Harvard, Manitoba, McGill, McMaster, Queen's, and Toronto, were represented, as well as the Agricultural College of Guelph, eleven of the numbers hailed from a University of British Columbia. MacLean was present at and presided over all sessions. In attendance was Dr. Robinson, Provincial superintendent of Education.

General Adoption Expected.

The general resume of the proceedings compiled by the Minister of Education deals with the various measures passed and although the recommendations agreed upon are at the moment tentative, it is practically certain that, with the trimming down of

Picture Sent Over Telegraph Wires in States; 4,800 Miles

Ogden, Utah, Jan. 1.—The sending of a picture of President Wilson from Ogden to New York City and return, a total distance of 4,856 miles, over telegraph wires, was accomplished yesterday afternoon by L. R. Leishman, an Ogden man, who has invented a novel code system and receiving device for decoding. Only 37 minutes was taken for the actual transmission of the picture code and two hours for all the work in connection with the picture, which was received in the presence of city officials.

Mascot of Dresden, Pig, of Benefit to British Red Cross

London, Jan. 1.—"Tirpitz," the pet pig of the German cruiser Dresden, rescued by the men of the British cruiser Glasgow, has been sold for £420 for the benefit of the Red Cross.

NANAIMO STATISTICS.

Nanaimo, Jan. 1.—There were registered at the Government agent's office here during the past month 7 deaths, 8 marriages and 24 births. For the first time in many months there were no mineral claims recorded.

ALLIES EXCHANGE VIEWS ON BREST-LITOVSK MOVE; WILL DEAL WITH SCHEME

London, Jan. 1.—The British Government recognizes that the Brest-Litovsk peace proposals constitute a grave and new factor of official cognizance must be taken, says the Daily Chronicle in reporting, as did The Manchester Guardian yesterday, that the British Government intends to return a serious and reasoned reply to the Austro-German peace terms when they are presented officially. The Chronicle adds that Great Britain, France, Italy and the United States already are exchanging views concerning the peace proposals.

London, Jan. 1.—The Petrograd correspondent of The London Daily Mail wonders whether the danger of a separate peace between Russia and Germany is realized in Britain. He says it would be a defeat for the German democratic movement in addition to insuring the virtual enslavement of Russia, as it would be a victory for the military caste in Germany.

"It may mean," he adds, "much more than Russia's neutrality. If we make no move, it seems that the Germans will ask the Russians to help them in enforcing Russia's peace terms on the Entente. Trotsky is well aware of the danger, though faced with the necessity of concluding peace, and is doing his utmost to stimulate a revolution in Germany. Fraternalization at the front already has passed beyond the control of the army officers and enormous quantities of revolutionary newspapers printed in German are being distributed."

"I am convinced our only chance of defeating the German designs is to publish terms as near the Russian terms as possible and by taking a powerful hand in the proposed conference, help the democratic movement in Germany, while helping the Russians to force the German Government in the direction it has had to take."

"Whatever party might be in power in Russia would be compelled to conclude peace, and Trotsky's plan is more likely to damage Germany than the plan of any more polite person in his place."

The nationalization of the banks puts a weapon more powerful than the guillotine into the hands of the Government and probably will end much of the present sabotage."

Attitude of Reichstag.

Rotterdam, Jan. 1.—Matthias Erzberger, of the Clerical party in Germany; Frederick Ebert, of the Socialist party; and Herr Fischbeck, of the Progressives, have informed the Berlin correspondent of The Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant that the German delegation at Brest-Litovsk is approved unreservedly by the members of the committee of the Reichstag. The members of this committee represent the majority of the parties responsible for the Reichstag peace resolution of July 19 last.

JAPAN NEGOTIATES

A LOAN TO CHINA

Will Advance £10,000,000 to Improve Condition of Bank of China

Peking, Dec. 31.—The correspondent here of The Associated Press is informed officially that Japan is negotiating an advance to China of £10,000,000 for the purpose of improving the status of the Bank of China. The negotiations are being carried on with the knowledge of the American, British, French and Russian banking groups in the syndicate which, with Japanese and German representatives, was formed before the war. The terms will be similar to those previous Japan advanced under the conditions of the reorganization loan, but the other banking groups will not participate, because their Governments prohibit the sending of bullion to China.

Japan will loan the money with the object of exercising control over the currency reform. The Japanese notified the other banking groups that unless they were willing to participate in the loan, it would be negotiated by Japanese interests.

GERMANS SENDING GOODS TO RUSSIA

Ships About to Arrive at Revel; Russian Food Shortage

London, Jan. 1.—The German national delegation at Petrograd, according to the correspondent of The London Daily Mail in the Russian capital, has reached an agreement with the Bolshevik Government for raising the blockade of the White Sea and for the regulation of maritime commerce, which is expected to begin with the impending arrival at Revel of ships with goods from Germany.

A dispatch to The London Daily Express from Petrograd says that German ships already have free access to Russian waters and the Government is taking precautions to safeguard them from British submarines. The first commercial fleet is expected before the Russian Christmas, or January 7.

Special dispatches from Petrograd refer again to the subject of the food shortage which, according to the correspondent of The Daily Mail, is steadily becoming more critical. He says the German delegation brought its own food.

Berlin newspaper reports received in Amsterdam say that Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann, while returning to Berlin from Brest-Litovsk, stopped at Warsaw to confer with the Polish Premier. The Polish Government, it is said, will share in the future negotiations at Brest-Litovsk in an advisory capacity.

The frigid weather and war-time economies combined to dampen the ardor of New York's welcome to 1918 last night. It was largely a subdued indoor celebration.

Instead of the thousands of merrymakers thronging brilliantly lighted Broadway to greet the New Year with the horns, cowbells and other noise-making devices, as in other years, only a comparatively few braved the chilling wind. War-time menus prevailed at dinners and many establishments placed restrictions on drinking. The 1 o'clock closing hour was enforced. Consequently, when the New Year came into being, fewer corks popped than usual and instead of the usual cheering, the crowds leaped to their feet and sang, "The Star Spangled Banner."

Paris, Jan. 1.—"Spirited artillery fighting occurred in the Champagne near Butte du Mesnil," says to-day's official statement. "A German raid on our small posts southeast of Bapaume was without result. We took prisoners."

"Elsewhere the night was calm."

Berlin, Jan. 1.—Further German gains on the Cambrai front south of Marcoing were reported to-day. The War Office announcement follows:

"Army group of Prince Rupprecht. At midnight the artillery fire increased at Houllechelle Wood and in the vicinity of Passchendaele. A strong British reconnoitering attack south of Marcoing between Bapaume and Marcoing the territory won on Sunday was extended as a result of minor engagements. The number of prisoners was increased by a few officers and 79 men."

"Army groups of the German Crown Prince and Duke Albrecht. The artillery fire was spirited at times north of Proses on both sides of Ornes and north and east of St. Mihel. On the eastern and Macedonian fronts there is nothing new."

BILLION AND THIRD ASKED BY CONGRESS

American Legislators Will Have to Provide Deficiency Appropriation

LARGEST ITEM IS FOR ARMY'S NEEDS

Washington, Jan. 1.—An urgent deficiency appropriation of approximately \$1,338,000,000 for the army, navy, Food Administration and other Government war work will be asked of Congress. The largest item will be \$1,278,500,000, for the army, including \$700,000,000 for supplies; \$450,000,000 for ordnance and \$140,000,000 for engineers.

The Department of Agriculture will ask for \$36,000,000 for seeds to be sold to farmers in addition to \$2,500,000 provided for the same purpose in the President's \$1,000,000,000 fund.

The navy already has asked for a \$5,000,000 deficiency appropriation. Besides these deficiency appropriations, the War Department already has asked \$1,123,000,000 additional to the regular estimates.

RELIEF FROM COLD IN EASTERN STATES

Weather Bureau Predicts Rise in Temperature Beginning With To-night

Washington, Jan. 1.—Relief from the cold in the Eastern United States was promised to-day by the weather bureau beginning to-night.

While the east is suffering, the western half of the country, except in the Pacific states, is enjoying temperatures from five to thirty-five degrees above the seasonal average. In the south temperatures below freezing are predicted for to-night, extending into Central Florida.

At New York.

New York, Jan. 1.—Despite a slight break in the zero weather that has benumbed New York for three days, the city-faced another day of suffering and inconvenience to its business life to-day. The city is scraping its coal bins and the reserve supply is nearly exhausted. Nearly 60,000 tons of coal should have reached the city yesterday, but only 20,000 tons were brought in on the few scows that braved the danger of floating ice in the bay.

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AMERICAN OUTLAY BELOW ESTIMATES

Less Spent During First Half of Fiscal Year Than Expected

Washington, Jan. 1.—The United States enters 1918 with a national debt of \$5,615,000,000, a sum more than five times greater than when it entered the war nine months ago, but only one-third of the debt which promises to develop by the first of next year. The debt per capita is approximately \$51, and the percentage of the debt to the estimated national wealth is 2%.

A Treasury financial summary is issued to-day for the first time since June 30, shows that the actual disbursements in the first half of the fiscal year have fallen far below the estimates, particularly for the military establishment. An enormous prospective increase in War Department expenses for munitions and materials contracts to be filled in the spring will raise the Government outlays at that time, but officials feel some doubt that the ordinary disbursements will reach the \$12,316,000,000 estimated for the fiscal year ending next June 30.

The actual outlay for military establishment up to December 1 was \$1,311,000,000, and the estimated outlay for the entire fiscal year is \$8,790,000,000. The navy spent \$420,000,000, and the estimate for the year is \$1,300,000,000. Shipping Board expenditures were \$118,000,000, while the year's estimate was \$101,000,000.

Each of these three principal departments has outstanding contracts for which big expenditures will have to be made within the next six months, and the aggregate of these is the uncertain element which makes it impossible to determine precisely how many additional Liberty Bonds must be issued before July 1, 1918.

Great as the national debt seems to this country, whose debt before the war was only a little past the billion-dollar mark, it is only about one-fourth that of either Great Britain, France, Russia, or Germany. The debt of all of this country's co-belligerents is about \$34,000,000,000, or four-tenths per cent. of the estimated wealth of those nations, and the Teutonic allies' debt is nearly \$40,000,000,000, or 28 per cent. of their estimated wealth.

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SUGAR CARDS USED BY BRITISH PUBLIC

London, Jan. 1.—This country's first experience with compulsory rationing was had yesterday with sugar. No person could obtain supplies except by card.

Baron Rhondda, the Food Controller, is expected soon to issue an order for a meatless day weekly.

It is understood that a comprehensive plan for the alleviation of conditions among the poor who have been compelled to stand in line for supplies will soon be in full swing.

With the seizure of margarine last week and the introduction of the sugar card system yesterday, the lines of waiting persons in the London district dwindled. The allowance of margarine is four ounces per capita weekly, and of sugar half a pound.

Other measures may be summarized as follows:

Potatoes to be used in the manufacture of bread, to economize in the situation of cereals.

No calves or heifers to be killed, and the sale of veal and lamb to be forbidden.

Curers of bacon and ham to make returns of their output not later than January 10.

ARGENTINE WHEAT FOR THE ENTENTE

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 1.—Announcement is made by the government that arrangements have been nearly completed for selling 2,500,000 tons of wheat to the Entente Allies.

Washington, Jan. 1.—A large portion of 2,500,000 tons of wheat to be released by Argentina to the Allies will be transferred by way of the United States for milling here. It will be brought up in neutral ships, and after milling will be taken across to British vessels. This will keep the neutral ships out of the danger zone, will keep American mills busy and will give to the United States the bran for cattle feed.

LOSS OF TWO VESSELS REPORTED BY LONDON

London, Jan. 1.—The Admiralty announced that the mine-sweeping sloop Arbutus and the armed boarding steamer Grive had been sunk, having been torpedoed.

HOHENZOLLERNS AND HAPSBURGS MUST GO

So Said Czech at Meeting of
Teuton Prisoners in
Petrograd

London, Jan. 1.—An Associated Press dispatch from Petrograd quotes Baron Admiral Keyserlingk, former German military attaché at Petrograd and a member of the German peace delegation to Brest-Litovsk, as saying: "The Germans quite frankly desire an honorable peace. The present attitude of Russia's Allies apparently is a bar to this end." The attitude now between Russia and Germany is friendly, not one of enmity. Germany now is waiting to hear the Entente Powers' terms and war aims."

At the meeting of the German and Austrian prisoners of war held in Petrograd Saturday for the purpose of organizing an international propaganda among the prisoners in Russia, a Hungarian officer, Rpdiansky, who was elected president, said: "Thanks to the Russian revolution I can speak my innermost thoughts freely. Our first thought now is general peace and freedom for all nations. Let the Russian freedom teach us to obtain a like freedom at home."

The first speaker, a Czech, made a violent attack upon Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, who recently outlined the Austro-German peace terms at Brest-Litovsk, characterizing Czernin's programme of self-definition within the limits of the Austrian constitution as an imperialistic fraud.

"If a separate peace is concluded," he said, "we shall be sent to fight against the Italians, French and other Allies. That we will not do. There was a syndrome of Europe, the Russian Czar, but he was overpowered. There remains another gendarme, the dynasty of the Hapsburgs. The Hohenzollerns, too, must be overthrown."

During the meeting Trotsky's official newspaper, The Torch, was distributed freely and eagerly read by the assembly.

In the course of an interview, Baron Keyserlingk, discussing the details of the enforcement of an armistice in the White Sea and Arctic Ocean, said that the Russian representatives insisted that Russia must be protected against submarines. Baron Keyserlingk took the position that the Russian fleet must remain inactive, and that movements of German naval supply ships must cease. The Germans asked for three days' recess in order to communicate with Berlin before replying.

A SWISS SENTENCE.

St. Gall, Switzerland, Jan. 1.—Major Maurer, of the Swiss army, has been condemned by court-martial to degradation and imprisonment for 18 months for complicity in the smuggling of cotton into Austria and Germany.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT BEATEN BY BRITISH

Haig's Men Frustrated Enemy's
Design Yesterday Morning
on Welsh Ridge

London, Jan. 1.—The following report from Field-Marshal Haig was issued here last night:

"This morning, after a short but heavy bombardment, the enemy renewed his attack against Welsh Ridge (Cambrai front) on a front of about 1,200 yards south of Marcoling. On the southern portion of the attack some of his troops temporarily forced their way into one of our trenches. They were driven out by our counter-attack. The whole of the trench is now in our hands."

On the remainder of the front the attack was completely repulsed.

"Our own and the enemy's artillery was active during the day at a number of points south of the Scarpe. The hostile artillery also has shown some activity in the Ypres sector."

FRENCH REPORT.

Paris, Jan. 1.—The War Office here issued the following report last night:

"The day was marked only by lively artillery actions in the region of the Mons, in the Champagne and in the sector of Bezonvau, on the right bank of the Meuse."

"Belgian communication—There has been weak artillery activity on the Belgian front during the last 48 hours. On the afternoon of the 31st the artillery action was rather intense just south of Dixmude. Enemy raiding parties attempted during the night of the 29th-30th to raid some of our advanced positions south of Dixmude, but were repulsed by our fire."

"Army of the East, Dec. 30.—There were artillery actions in the region of Lake Doiran, where British batteries carried out a destructive fire against enemy positions, and northeast of Monastir, where the enemy bombarded our trenches on a front of six kilometres. French airmen dropped bombs on the railroad station at Mtsens, three kilometres north of Ghivghell."

GERMAN STATEMENT.

Berlin, Jan. 1.—An official statement issued here last night said:

"Trench fighting south of Marcoling ended in our favor."

PADUA BOMBED AGAIN BY TEUTON AIRMEN

The Santo and Old Cathedral
Were Damaged by
Missiles

Rome, Jan. 1.—An official report issued here last night said:

"The enemy becomes more bitter in his bombardment of open cities. Last night some of his airmen returned for a third time over Padua, dropping several scores of bombs. Owing to the arrangements by the authorities, the casualties were only five wounded, including one woman."

"The rich and artistic patrimony of the city suffered severely. The facade of the cathedral was blown down, and the badicca of the Santo and the Municipal Museum were considerably damaged."

Pope Benedict, according to The Observers Romano, in addition to sending an expression of regret and sympathy to the bishops of Padua and Treviso, has drawn the attention of the Governments of the Central Empires and of the Austrian Emperor to the raids over those cities. The Pope exhorted them to abstain in the future from such acts, which, while attaining no military end, take numbers of victims and damage churches and art treasures and consequently are unjustifiable by International law."

The Saint Antonio Church commonly called the Santo, is the sepulchral church of St. Anthony of Padua. It has two campanili and seven domes in the Oriental style. This church is visited every year by throngs of pilgrims.

Padua, Italy, Dec. 31.—Via Rome and London, Jan. 1.—(By The Associated Press).—The third successive night air raid last night scattered bombs among the famous churches and art monuments of Padua. The front of the Sixteenth Century Cathedral was demolished.

The Santo, or the Basilica of St. Anthony, where the body of St. Anthony of Padua is buried, lost its bronze doors and the sepulchre of St. Anthony was missed narrowly by a bomb. Donatello's famous equestrian statue of General Gattamelata, which stands in the square before the Santo, had been removed to a place of safety but the base, also the work of Donatello, was damaged severely.

The paintings and frescoes in the Santo by Titian and other masters were torn and scratched by the concussions. The rose windows and the renaissance stained glass were shattered to fragments. The building opposite the Santo, where the Guild of St. Anthony issued leaflets to be sent throughout the world, was destroyed.

A pilgrimage to the sepulchre of St. Anthony was in progress when the bombs struck the Santo.

The cathedral was struck above the facade, the entire gable and the upper part of the facade falling in the street.

The raiders came at three different times, at 8 and 1 o'clock at night, and at 3 o'clock in the morning. Twenty incendiary missiles were dropped.

An English factory, staffed entirely with Belgians, has turned out its millionth shell.

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Foreign Office, according to an Ex-
change Telegraph dispatch from Am-
sterdam. The work will comprise all
the speeches the Kaiser has delivered
during the war.

TRADE OF STATES.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The exports of the United States were estimated yesterday at the Department of Commerce to have passed the \$6,000,000,000 mark in 1917, a new high record. Imports were less than \$3,000,000,000, and the trade balance in favor of the United States probably will be more than \$3,100,000,000.

WILHELM'S LATEST.

London, Jan. 1.—Kaiser Wilhelm has edited a three-volume work on "Kaiser Wilhelm in War Time." The proofs are being revised and will be submitted to the general staff and the

New Year Wishes

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With the experienced housewife it's not merely a question of getting any sort of flour to do her BAKING. When she phones her grocer you'll never find her saying: "Send me a sack of flour, please!" That doesn't cover her needs. With a multiplicity of flours to choose from, she avoids error and all sorts of baking troubles by saying clearly and emphatically—

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If you've been a trifle careless about ordering flour, and don't happen to think of the name—ROYAL STANDARD—at the time you're doing your ordering, all you've got to do is suggest to the grocer that you want the "Circle V" Flour—the well-known "Money-back" Flour. He'll know at once you mean "Royal Standard"—the flour that gives you the highest value, and the big, finely-textured, pure wholesome loaves. The grocer'll know.

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NEW YEAR MESSAGES BY LLOYD GEORGE

To British People and All Allies
With Exception of
Russia

London, Jan. 1.—Mr. Lloyd George, in a New Year message to the nation, appeals to all at home to work hard, practise economy, save money and buy war bonds.

His message chronicles: "To every civilian I would say that your firing line is at the works or office in which you do your bit, the shops or kitchen in which you spend or save, the bank or post office where you buy your war bonds. To reach that firing line and to become an active combatant yourself there are no communicating trenches to grope along, no barrage to face, no horrors, no wounds."

The road to duty and patriotism is clear before you. Follow it and it will lead 'ere long to safety for our own people and victory for our cause."

In a New Year greeting to the Vice-roy of India, conveying a message of good will from the British Cabinet to the Indian people, Mr. Lloyd George says:

"Despite many set-backs and many disappointments, we are far on the path to victory. . . . I have good hope that before this new year is past the purpose to which we have set our hands will have been completely achieved."

Messages from the British Prime Minister have been sent to all the Allies except Russia, but including Greece. All express the good wishes of the British War Cabinet to the governments and peoples addressed.

To President Wilson, Mr. Lloyd George says:

"At this season I wish, in behalf of the British War Cabinet, to send to the United States Government and people a message of goodwill. Every day that passes must make us realize more clearly that the hopes of the race centre upon the triumphs of our cause."

Every day proves to us that our friendship for one another is becoming more and more the cement of the league of free nations which now stands as the guardian of justice and liberty throughout the world.

We wish in particular to send a message of thanks to the United States navy for the great service it has rendered in the past year, and of greeting to the young American army now in training to take its place in the battle for human freedom. We are relying upon the great addition this army will make to the strength of the Allies in their joint struggle for free civilization, and we are confident that when the time of battle comes they will sustain the great traditions set by their own forbears by helping to win a complete triumph for the cause to which they have dedicated themselves."

For Americans.

London, Jan. 1.—The first of six American hospital trains which are being built in England for use in France, started for the American headquarters yesterday. This train was completed by the car building shops of the Midland Railway under a rush order in less than 11 weeks, which is a record for English car builders.

The train consists of sixteen cars, which have accommodations for 400 patients. The cars are painted khaki color and have on them the familiar Red Cross insignia and also "U.S." in large letters. Inside the cars are finished in mahogany and white enamel. They are the last word in equipment and comfort, which includes refrigerators, commodious kitchens, steam heat, electric fans and "torpedo" ventilators, which insure a complete change of air throughout the train every six minutes.

The output of postage stamps, principally penny and half-penny ones, in the United Kingdom is about 15,000,000 a day.

GERMAN PAPERS ON BREST-LITOVSK PLAN

London, Jan. 1.—German newspapers telegraph the correspondent at Amsterdam of the Central News Agency, are much occupied with the declarations of the Central Powers at Brest-Litovsk concerning Lithuania, Courland and Poland. Apparently the German representatives yielded to Pan-German influence, this being indicated by the comments of the annexationist press in contrast with those of Liberal and Democratic newspapers.

The Deutsche Courier, a Pan-German organ, says the German delegates represented the interests of the German Empire as adroitly and as firmly as it was possible for representatives in their position to do.

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Jan. 1.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.
Died of wounds—Pte. C. E. Seymour, New Westminster; Pte. R. Compton, Chilliwack.

Artillery.
Gassed—Gnr. R. Bradwell, Nanaimo Engineers.

Wounded—Sapper C. W. Lowe, Vancouver.

Seriously ill—Sapper F. D. Burns, Chilliwack.

NANAIMO CUSTOMS.

Nanaimo, Jan. 1.—The customs returns for this port for the month of December amounted to \$56,115.75.

FINANCE MINISTER'S MESSAGE OF CAUTION

Canadians Should Exercise
Care to Meet War Problems,
Says White

Ottawa, Jan. 1.—Sir Thomas White, the Minister of Finance, has issued the following New Year's message:

"Upon the eve of the New Year I feel that I should say a word to the people of Canada as to certain of the war problems which confront us and the policy which the nation should adopt with a view to meeting them. In the first place, it is clear that all unnecessary expenditure, whether public or private, should be eliminated, and that rigid personal and national economy should be the order of the day for the duration of the war. Luxurious consumption of all kinds, and particularly of imported articles which take money out of the country, should be curtailed as much as possible. Every effort should be made to increase the production of food and products essential to the activity of the war. On the other hand no industries of a non-essential character should be allowed to absorb new capital or additional manpower, both of which will be increasingly required for the continued prosecution of the war.

Can Be Met.

"The financial responsibilities which we must continue to face during the remainder of the war will be very great. They can be met if the people of Canada will economize and save. Owing to the international financial conditions our output of munitions, foodstuffs and other supplies, upon the sale of which the prosperity of the country depends, can be bought by Great Britain only if Canada can find the money for the purpose. The Victory Loan proceeds will keep us financed for this purpose for many months. In the meantime the people should be diligent in saving in order that the immense sum now being disbursed in Canada for our own military expenditure and by the Imperial Government in the purchase of our products may be conserved as a national working capital for a future issue made for the same purpose.

"Money requiring immediate investment may be used to purchase Victory Loan bonds in our own market, thus helping to keep firm the price of these securities. Speaking generally, money should not be sent out of Canada to purchase securities held or listed abroad, as this diminishes the amount of Canadian investment money and helps to create an adverse exchange situation. In fact, no money should leave Canada during the war, save to pay for necessary commodities.

Must Be Taken Up.

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1,500 TRACTORS TO FRANCE FROM STATES

Washington, Jan. 1.—Fifteen hundred farm tractors will be sent to France by the Food Administration of the United States for use in increasing the French food crops. One hundred, it was learned to-day, already have gone forward and all will be across by March, when the spring ploughing begins.

Use of tractors will enable the French in the spring to plant 500,000 additional acres in potatoes and in the fall an extra 1,000,000 acres in wheat, reducing 2,000,000 tons of shipping from the United States to France.

MINER OF NANAIMO

KILLED BY ROCK

Nanaimo, Jan. 1.—John McAllister, an old and well-known miner of this district, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon in the No. 1 shaft of the Western Fuel Company's mine here by a fall of rock. He leaves a widow and three children. One, a lad of 17, has recently returned from France, where he had been serving for the past two years.

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THE FIRST BIG EVENT OF THE NEW YEAR!

Campbell's Annual January Clearance Sale Commences To-morrow, January 2

January Clearance Sale of Corsets

A special line of good-wearing Corsets, well boned and in all sizes 18 to 30. January Sale, pair \$5.00
A group of Corsets formerly selling at \$1.50 and \$1.25. Broken lines to clear at per pair \$1.00
Another lot of Corsets, odd lines, regular \$2.50 and \$2.75, to clear for \$1.00
High Grade Corsets, including these makes—Nemo, Gossard, Madame Lyra, American Lady. Regular \$4.50, \$4.75 and \$5.00. To clear at \$2.50



Our Entire Stock of
Women's Suits

Have Been Grouped into Five Lots

And Greatly Reduced
for January Sale

Here are the Sale Prices

\$15. \$19.75. \$22.75
\$27.50 and \$32.50

All This Season's Buying

January Clearance Sale of Wool Sweater Coats

At \$3.75, \$4.50, \$5, \$6.75 and \$9.75

Bargains From the Knit Underwear Section

Infants' Zenith Vests, high neck, short sleeves, regular 25¢. To clear at 2 for 25¢
Children's Natural Fleece Drawers, for ages 1 to 14 years; also a few vests. To clear at 50¢
Odd lines of Children's Combinations, regular \$1.10 for 90¢
Broken lines of Women's Vests and Combinations, regular to \$2.50. To clear at \$1.00
Women's Wool Combinations, high neck, long sleeves and ankle length. Regular \$1.75 for \$1.25



500 Pair of Fine Kid Gloves

Old Lines Left From Holiday Selling

Regular Values to \$2.25-Pair At \$1.25 a Pair

Heavy holiday selling in the Glove Section has left us with many broken lines which must be cleaned out, and to effect a speedy clearance we have grouped many lines together and marked them at the low price of \$1.25, including fine French Kid Gloves, Cape Kid and Washable Chamois Gloves. All sizes in the lot, but not every size in each line. Regular values up to \$2.25. To clear at, per pair \$1.25
All Sizes in the lot, 5½ to 7½

Georgette Crepe Blouses

Regular up to \$9.25 at \$4.95

A most interesting group of beautiful Georgette Crepe Blouses, mostly of dark rich colorings, trimmed in various ways, that will appeal to all lovers of a dainty blouse. Included are Blouses that formerly sold up to \$9.25. As the quantity is limited we advise early morning shopping. January Sale price \$4.95

25 Doz. Washable Jap Silk Blouses At \$1.00 Each

Choose From Five New Styles, Sizes 36 to 44

A Big Clearance of Dainty Odd Lines of Women's Lisle and Cashmere Hose

To-morrow the Neckwear Section will feature a big "clean-up" of Dainty Neckwear, including many pretty confections developed from fine nets, laces, crepe de chine, etc., in both the popular high and low effects. One cannot have too many pretty neck-fixings, so here is your opportunity to "stock up" at a small cost. January Sale price 50¢

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At \$3.75, \$4.50, \$5, \$6.75 and \$9.75

An excellent lot of warm and comfortable Wool Sweater Coats that will attract many January Sale shoppers to this section of the store. Included are coats with sailor and roll collars in most of the wanted colors and styles, with belts and sashes. If you are contemplating the purchase of a Wool Sweater Coat, at a saving, we advise early morning shopping, as they will not last long at these tempting prices.

Children's Coats and Dresses

At Greatly Reduced Prices

Three Groups of Coats

At Most Interesting

SALE PRICES

\$11.75, \$12.75
and \$13.95

Women in search of a good, practical and stylish looking Coat will do well to investigate these three specially priced groups that have been gathered together for the first day of this great clearance sale. Most of the styles shown feature deep cuffs, wide belts and convertible collars. Choose from a

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THE PROVINCE HONORED.

We understand that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor regards the honor bestowed upon him as intended, through his office, for the Province in recognition of the part it has played in the war, with particular reference to its recruitment and response to the Victory Loan, rather than possessing any personal application. Sir Frank is to be commended for his happy interpretation of the felicitous incident no less than upon the award of the distinction itself and the Province, we are sure, will appreciate the mark of recognition it has received through its Lieutenant-Governor.

THE ECONOMIC WEAPON.

The Allies have an irresistible trump card in their economic supremacy and there is a growing demand that they make the fullest use of it as a factor in bringing the Central Empires to terms. They have it in their power to keep Germany in a permanent state of economic isolation almost as complete as she is now. This would mean the prolongation of her bankruptcy and internal disruption. It is this dread possibility more than anything else which is inducing the big financial and industrial interests, headed by Ballin, to exert their influence for peace, and no doubt it was the stern warning of the chief of the great Hamburg-American Company recently which brought him into dispute with Hindenburg, von Tirpitz and the "Blood and Iron" group who still cling to the delusion that Germany's future lies in the lap of Mars.

How great are the economic odds against Germany is shown by a well-known writer in a London publication. He points out that the extent to which she had pushed her "peaceful penetration," laid her hands on the resources of other nations and empires, and become dependent on foreign supplies, measures the effect of this weapon when the time comes for its decisive use. He draws attention to the tentacles which Germany had cast over the supply of many essential metals within the British Empire—especially the zinc and tungsten ores of Australia. Every year half a million tons of zinc concentrates went in German ships, and mainly to Germany, from British Australia. England being content with a niggardly dole of 20,000 tons. Of the precious tungsten ores, wolfram and scheelite, more than half the amount imported into Germany came from the British Empire.

The foregoing, however, are only the most familiar examples. The closing of the British Empire alone to the German importer and manufacturer would mean a crushing economic blow. The Empire has a practical monopoly of numerous indispensable raw materials. Canada produces by far the greater part of the world-supply of nickel, cobalt, asbestos, and, with British India, of mica. New Zealand has a monopoly of Kauri gum and phormium fibre. India is the sole producer of jute. The British West African Colonies yield the greater portion of the world's supply of palm nuts and palm kernels, which have a rapidly growing industrial utility.

If the United States were to stand in with the other Allies in declining to supply Germany with raw materials until the Allies' war aims were secured, the German cotton industry would have to put the shutters up, for the Allied Powers control the entire world-supply of cotton fibre. As for merino wool, in 1913 Germany imported 245 million pounds of this article, of which 177 million pounds came from the British Empire.

To continue the analysis further: Germany imported from British India so many hides and skins that it became a common remark that Great Britain was "running India for the benefit of Germany." In the year 1913 she drew nearly eighteen million pounds' worth of materials from British India. Germany has, indeed, had the free run of the whole of England's vast tropical domains, and the extent of benefit she will not realize until she loses it.

From this will be apparent the extent of Germany's dependence upon the British world and of the leverage which this affords to the British Empire if Germany were to prove recalcitrant when the peace negotiations set in. But the Empire does not stand alone. Each of its many Allies can contribute in varying degree to the same economic pressure. To take two more examples, the Allies together could deprive Germany of five-sixths of her copper and nearly all her rice. This aggregate power of the Allies places the ultimate issue of the war beyond question or cavil.

A FAIR RICHMOND IN THE FIELD.

The announcement of Mrs. Ralph Smith that she is in the field for the vacant Vancouver seat in the Legislature as an independent and not as a straight-line party candidate has a significance of which party organizers and managers of the opposite sex should take notice. The fact that the first woman aspirant for the Provincial House has come out without endeavoring to secure the endorsement of either party organization may be accepted as a reasonable reflection of the attitude of her sex towards the orthodox political boundaries, and if she should be elected she will have given male partyism a reminder that it ought not to take too much for granted, that it ought not to assume that the women voters of the Province will meekly follow the "Lords of Creation" to the polls and vote according to their direction.

We shall be very much surprised if the women electorate of British Columbia does not exhibit a very strong independent bent in the direction of its political influence, and prove itself unusually intractable to party discipline. Certainly, it would be a good thing for the public life of the country if this were to be the case. It would make for less materialism and the bestowal of proper attention upon numerous problems hitherto unexplored. Men make laws according to conditions seen only through men's eyes, and we doubt if the women will be content to wear the political spectacles of the other sex.

Mrs. Ralph Smith has a knowledge and grasp of public questions equalled by very few people in this Province or anywhere else in Canada. As an able conductor of an able husband, whose experience covered both Dominion and Provincial fields of political activity, she became intimately acquainted with national questions as well as with those within the more limited scope of the Province. She is an excellent public speaker, and her capable platform work in the last Provincial election contributed not a little to the result which brought him into dispute with Hindenburg, von Tirpitz and the "Blood and Iron" group who still cling to the delusion that Germany's future lies in the lap of Mars.

It is worth recalling, too, that in 1799, after seven years of war between the two countries, Napoleon, for France, made overtures for peace with Great Britain. A considerable element in Parliament, headed by the brilliant Charles James Fox, urged the acceptance of the offer, using arguments identically the same as those used by the advocates of an inconclusive peace to-day—danger of world ruin, the impossibility of gaining a military victory, world bankruptcy and so on. Pitt, however, was obdurate. He declined to negotiate and his refusal was couched in terms which would have been just as definite if they had been less harsh.

Three years later, however, Addington, who succeeded Pitt, negotiated the Treaty of Amiens with Napoleon. The latter, of course, used the period of peace which ensued in laying the foundation of a continental coalition against Great Britain, and in intriguing in Egypt with the conquest of India as his ultimate object. Then, when the hour was ripe he forcibly annexed Switzerland. The Treaty of Amiens had lasted only one year, but at that it probably lasted as long as a treaty between Germany and her foes would last at the present time.

The inconclusive peace of Amiens actually began a new war longer and more destructive than the war it was supposed to terminate. Then, it was realized in Great Britain that Napoleon would have to be finally and completely overthrown on the field and this was accomplished twelve years later at Waterloo. Unhappily, after the Great Disturber had been caged at St. Helena the powers of Europe did not know how to take advantage of the new situation, and their ill-advised proceedings sowed the seeds of many other wars, besides keeping the Napoleonic dynastic tradition alive in France which was stopped by his disastrous defeat south of Chalons. Attila in Italy spared the monuments and temples of his foe; there was no Potsdam to teach him real kultur in those days. Padua, like Verona and Venice, enjoyed universal fame as centre of art and learning in the 16th century and figured prominently in some of Shakespeare's plays. It was at Padua, we recall, that the dashing Petruccio tamed the tempestuous Katherine, the world's first suffragette, and it was Padua that the fair Portia lied for the subtle advice from the erudite Dr. Bellario on which she based her successful play on words which wrought the discomfiture of Shylock and the triumph of Antonio in the Police Court of Venice—thereby disclosing to the legal profession of succeeding generations the illimitable opportunities for fat fees provided by the gradations and ambiguities of the written word. As the modern Hun professes to be passionate admirers of Shakespeare we should imagine that a little vagrant reverence would govern their attitude towards the place; but, possibly, as Shakespeare was a Ger-

TANKS VERSUS PILL-BOXES.
(The Times)
The distinguished head of a house at Oxford has sent the following couplet:
"Tanks Versus Pill-Boxes.
Victory per campos Cisterns vagatur,
et ecce!"

Viventes pilulas capsula capta vomit.
And this he has done into English as follows:
"The Tank triumphant wanders o'er
the fields
And living pills the captured capsule
yield."

ONE AND INSEPARABLE.
(New York Sun)

The word "Victory" is a good word. You press your teeth firmly against the lower lip and in the very first and accepted syllable give articulate expression to a determination to see the thing through. The noun "victory" employed as an adjective induced the people of Great Britain to lend about \$4,000,000,000 for winning the war. It has persuaded the 8,000,000 inhabitants of Canada to subscribe over \$415,000,000 for the same object. There were over \$71,756 subscribers to the Canadian loan. Proportionally Canada has done as well as we did with the second Liberty loan, and it may be a little better. Without victory there will be no liberty; without liberty, victory would turn into defeat.

THOROUGHLY PRACTICAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EDUCATION CONFERENCE

(Continued from page 1.)

An Injustice Remedied.

Hereafter it is proposed to obtain a report from each of the principals on the work and standing of each candidate from his school who intends to write on the examination set by the Department of Education. This will be forwarded to the Examining Board and any student whose class-room record is favorably reported on by his principal may, notwithstanding a failure in his final examination, receive promotion.

More optional courses are now proposed for the first year of High School work us against the present obtaining schedule which requires a student to take two foreign languages. Henceforward, through the adoption of the recommendation, a student may, if he wishes, substitute Elementary Science for one of the languages. This is regarded by the Minister of Education as a most beneficial departure from the course as it is at present exists, and one which he calculates should have the effect of stimulating a greater interest in Nature Study and Natural Sciences, one of the foremost being agriculture.

Very Important.

Another proposed change in the first year of the High School course will be the omission of the study of formal grammar, the text book on the subject to be used for reference only. The students will henceforward be taught the subject through their work in composition, the study of literature, as well as through the Latin and French grammars. The addition of Civics and Canadian History to the work of the first year, Dr. MacLean regards as most desirable, and in fact, necessary in a Province settled by people so diverse in nationality and early associations. He does not consider that it will in any way add to the work of the students, and if it should do so, he sees in a general lessening of the work in other subjects, a way to ensure full benefit from the new and important additions. Changes along similar lines would follow with respect to the courses of the second and third years.

Greater Flexibility.

An effort will be made to modify the requirements in Mathematics for girl students who find it difficult or impossible to acquire any great knowledge of such studies. This will enable them, the Minister suggests, to devote more time to Domestic Science and kindred subjects more appealing to their interests than the close following of the ordinary curriculum. It is hoped by Dr. MacLean that the proposed modifications of the present curriculum that a larger number of options for students of the High Schools will be secured as well as a greater flexibility in the matter of general requirements of the course outlined in the past, while the greater attention to be given hereafter to the natural sciences is looked upon as a move in the right direction.

LETTER BOX

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

To the Editor.—As the time is drawing near when we will be holding our municipal elections for Aldermen, I sincerely hope young businessmen will set their way clear to offer their services to the city. I mean by this, men who are in actual business and who know by experience what it is to do business under present conditions.

Of the 1917 Council there is only one man doing business in the city, the majority of the others classing themselves as retired. Hence we see the unsatisfactory state of affairs between the city merchants and the public market which threatens to strangle and destroy the weekly half-holiday movement. I should like to see next year's Council—one representative.

TAXPAYER.

"OUR NEW YEAR WISH."

To the Editor.—Christmas is over and we are now looking forward to the New Year with the hope that during the coming year "Peace on earth" will prevail. Although conditions to-day do not in any manner tend to bring the desirable influence of peace, we earnestly hope that 1918 will blossom and cherish with that one momentous word "Peace." Also we hope that our brave lads who have forsaken everything and have gone out into "No Man's Land" to protect us and ours from that licentious and unscrupulous enemy, "Prussianism," may soon return and be able to spend Christmas 1918 with their dear ones.

"Peace without victory" is not what the Allies desire. It would be far better for them to continue this gigantic struggle for ten years or longer if by doing so "Prussianism" may be overthrown, than to agree to any "peace terms" of Germany's, which, of course, is to her advantage. So we hope for peace in 1918, not Germany's Prussianized and Kaiserized peace, but a peace that will kill Prussianism forever, that will grant democracy to the whole world and that will bring back to us our gallant men. They will know that they are heroes, that they have given their very best for their country, and that they have shared in the greatest duty which has ever faced mankind, namely, that of aiding in the destruction of an ungodly military power.

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DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

Our 40th January Sale Incorporating a Great Rebuilding Clearance to Start TO-MORROW, January Second

We must vacate by January 31, the old Imperial Building. To make the removal as light as possible greater reductions than usual have been made on much merchandise in our Men's Clothing Department. Up to the present the reduced prices have only applied to Suits and Overcoats. We have many other lines yet to arrange for selling—including Men's and Boys' Trousers, Hats, Caps and Raincoats.

FOR THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF THIS SALE WE WILL CLEAR OUT THE REMAINING STOCK OF MEN'S SUITS AT HALF PRICE

Note the bargains displayed in our windows for opening day and watch our advertisements daily for new sale offerings.

Balance of Women's Suits Grouped Into Three Prices: \$9.75, \$27.50 and \$49.75



Extraordinary price reductions have been made on the balance of Suit stock to make sure of a complete and speedy clearance. The groupings are as follows:

Suits to Go at \$9.75

Good quality serges in navy blue and black. Serviceable models for general wear.

Suits to Go at \$27.50

A big range of models grouped into this offering, and they represent most exceptional values. Not one Suit in the lot worth less than \$40.00, and there are former values to \$47.50. Included are navy and black serges, velours, gabardines and poplins. Latest patterns, and shades taupe, African brown and Burgundy included. Newest styles, satin linings and braid trimmings.

Suits to Go at \$49.75

All our high-class Novelty Suits, including imported models, represented by this offering. Very choice models, exclusive and most exceptional values.

Mantles, First Floor

Children's Reefer Coats Clear at \$1.50

Serviceable garments in navy blue serge, finished with velvet collars; sizes 12 to 16 years. Regular value \$3.50. Better hurry for these at \$1.50

Mantles, First Floor

Five Prices Include the Balance of Our Winter Coat Stock

Every Winter Coat to go at this sale. We must have the room for the display of other goods. We have therefore cut the regular prices down to the lowest—thus making exceptional bargains worth while.

A Big Range of Women's Coats at \$14.90

This offering embraces models that were formerly marked at prices up to \$35.00. So you will easily recognize that they are worth-while bargains. Represented are tweeds in light and dark shades, also various novelty cloths. The styles are new and fashionable, featuring convertible collars, deep belts and hip pockets.

Coats to Go at \$24.75

Stylish models of popular velour cloths, in plain shades. Coats that are worth considerably more and cannot fail to appeal to the better dressed.

Coats to Go at \$34.75

In plain color velours, in all shades. Quite a few are handsomely trimmed with fur.

Coats to Go at \$54.75 and \$64.75

Practically all styles are included in these prices. They represent our best high-grade models—and absolutely late season styles. Some are handsomely trimmed on collars and cuffs with fur. Early selection for best choice.

Women's Raincoats in Three Prices

Just when Raincoats are needed badly come this exceptional sale offer. Coats we were formerly selling from \$12.50 to \$25.00 are now to go at

\$9.90, \$14.90, \$19.90

Mantles, First Floor

Silk Crepe de Chine Underwear Slightly Soiled, Clearing at HALF PRICE

A quantity of superior grade pieces, which got a little soiled during the great Christmas rush. We have grouped these pieces for a quick January clearance.

Reg. to \$15.00 clear at \$7.50
Reg. to \$12.50 clear at \$6.25
Reg. to \$9.00 clear at \$4.50
—Whitewear, First Floor

\$1.50 O.S. HOSE FOR 75¢
10 dozen pairs Women's O.S. Stockings, with full garter tops and double feet, size 8½ only. A special half-price sale for opening day.

Hose, Main Floor

January Sale of Women's Hose

Black Cashmere Hose, all sizes, a pair 35¢
3 pairs for \$1.00

Black Cashmere Hose, all sizes, a pair 25¢
4 pairs for \$1.00

Penman's Cashmere Hose, very special, at a pair 50¢

Women's Silk Hose, in black, tan and white; very special for the January Sale. 1 pair, 75¢, \$1.00

Hose, Main Floor

Values to \$1.50 clearing at 50¢

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January Clearance of Millinery

Balance of Ladies' Trimmed Hats to be cleared at three prices, \$2.50, \$5.00, \$7.50
Untrimmed Hats clear at \$1.50 and \$2.50
Children's Hats clear at 50¢, \$1.00, \$2.50
Millinery, Second Floor

Infants' and Children's Bonnets

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January 1st, 1918

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"That during this year I will purchase all my goods at the CASH store, because I have proved for myself that CASH Prices are lower than CREDIT Prices." Besides, I MAY win the \$2,500 Bungalow.

GROCERY SPECIAL WEDNESDAY

Choice Siam Rice 3 lbs. per ...	20c
Rex Sweeping Compound, large cans	29c
Small Bayo Beans, per lb.	10c
Red Kidney Beans, 2 lbs.	25c
Aylmer Peaches, per tin	15c

HARDWARE DEPARTMENT SPECIALS

Brown Earthenware Tea Pots, large size, regular 45c, for... 33¢
Enamel Saucers, extra heavy, regular 75c, for... 49¢

DRUG DEPARTMENT SPECIALS

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, regular 50c, Special 39¢
Roberts' Syrup of Cod Liver Oil and Tar, regular 25c for... 25¢

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ANOTHER HOLIDAY BILL AT PANTAGES

George Primrose and His Minstrels Greeted Last Evening

Catchy music, dainty dances and rippling laughter, that echoes over the footlights, are indispensable requisites to a successful holiday bill, no matter under what circumstances it may be presented. The patter that flows from the vaudeville stage must measure to this standard if it would reap applause, which actors credit so highly. It could hardly be doubted that Manager Rice, considered the tastes of the holiday public when he booked the acts that feature the New Year bill at Pantages this week. If the enthusiasm of a first night audience may be taken to speak praise or criticism of a performance, it must be observed that the selection was a

ROYAL VICTORIA
TO-NIGHT
BILLIE BURKE
in
ARMS AND THE GIRL
Comedy Weekly.

PANTAGES THEATRE
Vaudeville
GEORGE PRIMROSE
And His Minstrels.
JAN RUBIN,
Celebrated Spanish Violinist.
And Other Big Acts.
Matinee, 2; Night, 1 and 2.

VARIETY THEATRE
TO-DAY
Ann Pennington
in
"The Antics of Ann"
Also "Patria" with Mrs. Vernon Castle.

Clearance Sale

On all our Coats, Suits, Dresses and Skirts. This is our first Annual Clearance Sale. We give a straight 25 per cent. discount on all our Winter Lines. Come early and get some good bargains.

The Famous Store
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happy one. The return to Victoria of George Primrose and his seven all-star minstrels for the New Year bill was distinctly appropriate. In the large audience that greeted him, as the curtain rose last night, were many footlight friends who recalled the delights of former years, when the stage favorite entertained with that ability that a lengthy career has maintained his popularity with the theatre-going public. Those old acquaintances were renewed last evening as George danced with the same old time grace that has won deserved praise from America's critics. His seven sons of the burnt cork were much in evidence and delivered their pointed remarks from the corners with the same freshness that first attracted the public to the minstrel show.

Of an entirely different nature, but by no degree inferior as a headline attraction was the appearance of Jan Rubin, the wonderful young Swedish violinist, rendering a series of solos from a choice and extensive repertoire. It is many weeks since the local vaudeville stage has presented a treat to lovers of music, to rival the execution of the brilliant musician who performed last evening. He is a decided master of technique, and, although his selections were chosen with a noticeable aversion to the dramatic, the decision was a justifiable one. Rubin played with that sympathy between musician and instrument that seemed natural to his personality—a character delighting in soft, melodious strains that might blend with a midsummer night's dream, rather than the dramatic strains of more martial melody.

Agnes Finlay and Charley Hill assisted by a third and mysterious personage, carried their audience through fifteen minutes of breezy chatter and a variety of songs. The third and nameless individual played a part that completely baffled the first verdicts passed by the audience, and only served to emphasize the old remark that things are not always what they seem.

Martlettes' Marionettes, presenting "Stars From Toyland," deserved the warm reception they received. The little actors disported themselves before the well-filled boxes that adorned their miniature stage in a manner that delighted beyond measure a thirsty little gentleman, who, by reason of frequent visits to the bottle, was able to maintain his equilibrium with difficulty.

Allie Hamilton offered "A Breath of Old Lace Lavender," with a series of songs and stories in her truly quaint style, while Pearl White, in the 16th episode of the "Fatal Ring," combined romance, thrills and adventure into two reels of mysteries surrounding the whereabouts of the diamond of the Violet God.

The WEATHER
Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

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MAE MARSH IS STAR OF "CINDERELLA MAN"

The third Goldwyn Picture starring Mae Marsh is "The Cinderella Man," from the famous play by Edward Childe Carpenter, which was a leading Broadway hit when produced in the regular theatre by Oliver Morosco. This film is being shown all this week at the Dominion.

It is the story of a young heiress, Marjorie Caner, who is so much touched by the account given by her father's lawyer of a young poet, Anthony Quintard, who is starving in a garret at the other end of the block, that she undertakes to bring him food and comforts over the roofs. Her trips to the garret are made during Quintard's absence; but one day he catches her.

He suspects that she is the millionaire's daughter, and is about to evict her because, as a Socialist, he has no use for persons who are "filthy rich," when she tells him she is just Marjorie Caner's companion, Miss Mudge. So he suffers her to remain, and presently she volunteers to help him by typewriting his opera libretto which he has just completed to be submitted in a contest for a \$10,000 prize.

In due course, Quintard finds himself in love with "Miss Mudge" but feels unable to declare himself because he has no money. At last, however, he makes bold to ask her if she'll have him, when he makes good; and he is delighted when she tells him "perhaps." But while he is waiting, a former lover of Marjorie who has been engaged to wed her, appears to claim her hand; and when the time comes that Quintard wins the prize and is ready to ask her to become his wife, he finds her already betrothed to another. His indignation is increased when he learns that she really is "filthy rich" after all; and it takes the combined efforts of her father and his three friends to untangle the situation, and bring Marjorie to her happiness.

SPONTANEOUS HUMOR IN ANTICS OF ANN

A rather unique ending has been arranged by Director Edward Dillon for Ann Pennington in her newest Paramount picture, "The Antics of Ann." This is a distinct departure from the conventional ending, which as a matter of course displays the hero and heroine in a "fade out" of some romantic love scene.

"The Antics of Ann," the celebrated little dancer of "Ziegfeld Follies" fame is seen at the close of the film bravely eating biscuits with her (of course) screen husband. She made the biscuits herself, and judging from what we have previously seen of the fair heroine, fudge would be distinctly more in her line.

The story is one of the most spontaneously humorous of any Miss Pennington has so far appeared in. It is to be shown at the Variety Theatre on to-night, to-morrow and Wednesday.

BILLIE BURKE STARS IN COMEDY DRAMA

Truer words were never spoken than that every bit of experience, every phase of life through which one passes will on some occasion be of use. Director Joseph Kaufman who directed Billie Burke's latest Paramount picture, "Arms and the Girl," which is appearing to-day at the Royal Victoria Theatre, found this to be true in an unexpected manner.

The story called for a great many rather accurate scenes supposed to be taken in the interior of a remote Belgian hotel or inn. Recalling that he and his wife had spent several very agreeable days in just such an inn while traveling in Belgium a few years ago, Mr. Kaufman made a hasty search through his Kodak book and from the snapshots which he found there, had the scenes or "shots" of the Belgian inn made.

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"Arms and the Girl" is a splendid comedy drama and the right kind of entertainment for the holiday season. On the same programme is shown a very humorous comedy and a weekly with the latest news in views from all parts of the world.

WAR MENUS.

How to Save Wheat, Beef and Bacon for the Men at the Front.

MENU FOR WEDNESDAY.

Breakfast: Oatmeal Porridge.

Sausages: Brown Bread.

Coffee: Supper.

Beef Loaf: Baked Potatoes.

Mashed Turnips.

Baked Bananas: Corn Bread.

Supper: Stuffed Baked Potatoes.

Hominy Muffins: Raspberry Jam.

Tea.

The recipes for Baked Bananas and Bean Loaf, mentioned above, are as follows:

Bean Loaf—

2 cups Lima beans.

1 cup dry bread crumbs.

4 tablespoons peanut butter.

2 tablespoons grated onion.

1 tablespoon dripping.

1 tablespoon dried celery leaves or poultry seasoning.

2 teaspoons salt.

1 cup rice stock or other liquid.

Wash and soak the beans over night; then cook in boiling water till soft (about 45 minutes). Drain, and when cool chop coarsely. Add crumbs mixed with seasongings and peanut butter, then add liquid and fat. Put into greased bread pan and bake in a moderate oven 30 minutes.

Stuffed Baked Potatoes—

Split open the bananas. Leave them in the skins. Sprinkle with sugar and lemon juice, and bake until done.

Conference for Christians at Victoria Hall, 1415 Blanshard Street. Order of meetings: Saturday, December 29, prayer meeting, 7 p. m.; Sunday, December 30, breaking of bread, 11 a. m.; Ministry of the Word, 3 p. m.; Gospel meeting, 7 p. m.; Monday and Tuesday, December 31 and January 1, at 10, 20, 2, 20 and 7 p. m., Ministry of the Word, W. J. McClure, from Oakland, California, and other brethren from a distance, will speak. All Christians heartily invited.

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January Clearance Sale of the Season's Most Becoming Modes in Suits, Coats and Dresses

This is the season of the year when our business policy calls for an absolute clearance of the remainder of our Winter stock of Women's Apparel. In order to facilitate this great clean-up, we have marked every garment in our store at a substantial reduction. To the women who have dress purchases to make, every item tabulated below has a message of thrift and economy that deserves every consideration.

Beautiful Coats at Bargain Prices

Good quality tweeds and waves-of-the-sea cloth, designed in a variety of full back and belted effects. Large collars, fancy cuffs and pockets are points you will admire. Regular to \$29.50. Now

\$14.75

Tweeds, chinchillas and waves-of-the-sea cloth. All new, effective styles, and made of heavy, serviceable quality material. Regular to \$32.50. Now

\$18.75

A small group of the best Tweed Coats our stock affords. They are stylish, well-finished, and are trimmed in many instances with soft, lustrous plush. Regular to \$39.50. Now

\$22.75

Handsome Velour Coats, in such desirable shades as navy, green, nigger brown, burgundy and purple. They display some extremely smart belt effects, and the collars are prettily trimmed with plush. Regular \$30.00 to \$42.50. Now

\$24.50

Velour and Broadcloth Coats that are undoubtedly the pick of our exclusive stock. They are belted, have wide collars trimmed with fur fabric, and are exquisitely finished in every detail. Regular to \$49.50. Price

\$32.75



There's a Multitude of Savings in These Serge Dresses

Any woman in need of a new Dress will certainly be interested in this display of exceptionally good quality garments, which we have marked at such substantial reductions.

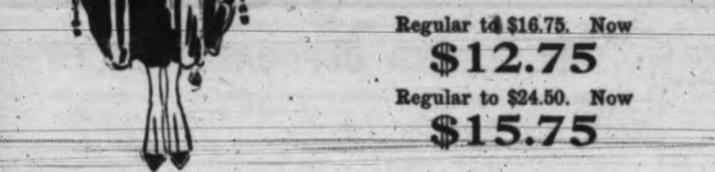
Shades include navy, black, burgundy and brown. The styles are all of the most recent vogue—featuring in wide variety smart pleated and overskirt effects. Trimmings of embroidery, braid and silk are in evidence. Here are the regular prices and the reductions—

Regular to \$16.75. Now

\$12.75

Regular to \$24.50. Now

\$15.75



Suit Prices Were Never So Low— Values Never So High

Fifteen only. Smartly-Designed Suits in navy and black serges and cheviots. Prices, regular at \$25.00 to \$30.00. Now

\$12.50

Twenty-Four Suits in navy and black serge or Gaberdine. All new, becoming designs and exquisitely tailored. Regular to \$35.00. Now

\$22.50

Twelve only. Suits in navy, black and green serges and Gaberdine. In quality of material and exclusiveness of design these Suits are among the choicest items of our stock. Regular to \$42.50. Now

\$24.50

Fourteen Suits in high-grade qualities of serge and Gaberdine. Shades are green, navy, black and burgundy. Each design is distinctive, and absolutely exclusive with our store in Victoria. Regular to \$45.00. Now

\$27.50

Twelve Suits, in serges, Gaberdines, Silvertone and velours. Many pretty effects in burgundy, navy, grey, Pekin blue, etc., are here for your selection. Regular values are to \$50.00. Price

\$29.50



PTE. GEO. INGELDEW RECOVERED SPEECH

Ex-Physical Instructor at Educational Institutions Here in Hospital in France

To be "blown up" by a shell on the Canadian front in Flanders, found by a party and carried from the muddy field unconscious and then to lie in a base hospital speechless for a month, recovering his ability to talk, though with a stammer, was the lot of Pte. George Ingeldew, of Victoria, according to a letter just received in this city from him. At the time of writing he was still in the hospital.

Pte. Ingeldew also was wounded by shrapnel in the left leg, but this caused him much less suffering than the concussion of the brain which followed

the explosion of the shell, and the wound has healed.

Leaving here with a draft from the 50th Gordon Highlanders last May, Ingeldew, then a corporal, proceeded to England, where he reverted to private in order to get to France, crossing the Channel in September. He was made physical, musketry and bayonet-fighting instructor and attached to a battalion well known here. He was at the front but a short time when his accident befell him. One of the interesting bits of information he gives in his letter is that on joining the battalion mentioned above he encountered Lieut. T. B. Ingle, formerly City Editor of The Times, whose unit with another unit and was transferred to the unit in which Pte. Ingeldew found him.

The condition of the field when Pte. Ingeldew was wounded may be judged from his description in his letter—"I was blown up by a shell in Flanders and brought off the field—or, rather, the mud, I should say—unconscious." Pte. Ingeldew formerly was attached to one of the naval ships stationed at Esquimalt. On leaving the service he became physical instructor at the Collegiate School. He went from there to the University School as physical

Soldier Returns. Pte. Leveque has the distinction to be the last returned soldier to reach Victoria in the year 1917, being the only soldier from overseas to arrive by the afternoon boat from Vancouver yesterday.

instructor, resigning that post to join the 50th Highlanders. His wife and child now are residing in Sidney.

KILLED LEADING MEN

Lieut. Herbert Reeve, Who Had Been Wounded Five Times, Died at Cambrai.

That Lieut. Herbert Reeve, who for several years was engaged as an artist with the Hutcham Advertising Agency of Victoria, was killed in action while leading his company at Cambrai in the early part of December, is the information which has been received by friends in the city. Previous to coming to Canada from England Lieut. Reeve studied art in Belgium and Germany, and being in the Old Country when the war broke out, joined the Royal Fusiliers, with which regiment he saw service in France, Mesopotamia and, previously, at Gallipoli, being wounded five times.

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MANY NEW POLICIES HAVE BEEN INSTITUTED IN 1917

Problems of Considerable Magnitude Effectively Dealt With by Premier Brewster; Government Now Is in Position to Proceed With Constructive Programme

The advent of a Liberal Government—the first to become responsible for the administration of the business of the Province of British Columbia—necessitated the formulation of new policies in respect of almost every administrative department. The election of Premier Brewster to office some fifteen months ago took place at a time when the progress and development of the country had been brought almost to a dead standstill.

Although the war was partially responsible for these conditions, the policy of the present administration's predecessors in office had not been conducive to securing a healthy expansion of the rational activities of the province, particularly under the abnormal circumstances brought about by the topsy turvydom of the world engaged in armed conflict.

With that condition of affairs generally acknowledged to exist, the Premier has pledged himself and his Government to reorganization, reform and economy and very naturally the weight of this task fell upon his own shoulders as the head of the new Government. Many consultations with his colleagues were necessary as the whole detail of departmental administration had to be reviewed. One of the gravest problems was how to educate the people of the province to apply directly to the Department, within the purview of which matters of petition and requests for consideration fell.

Early in the experience of the Administration it was discovered that for years the practice had been to settle all problems, hear all applications, redress all grievances, and adjust all departmental problems in the Premier's office. Reference to the various reviews of each individual department referred to elsewhere in this issue will point to different methods having been in vogue during the past twelve months. Education in this connection resolved itself, then, into a constant dinging in the ears of persons concerned, that the Minister of a Department

is responsible for the conduct of his office, and that the collection of income-tax is a matter which will receive very close consideration, to the end that all who are liable will be called upon to pay, and that the shirking of this tax, which has been somewhat of a joke for years past, will no longer be possible. It is understood that early in the new year a tax sale will be held in connection with all arrears of provincial taxes.

Taxation Board.

A Board of Taxation, consisting of J. B. McKilligan, Surveyor of Taxes, as chairman; Alderman W. G. Cameron and Thomas Kidd, with Professor R. M. Haig, a taxation expert of international reputation, is at present considering the whole subject of assessment and taxation, and will report upon what changes are necessary to bring the taxation system of British Columbia up to the best standard of modern systems.

The Department of Finance has done much in eliminating the overlapping of authority and duplication of work, and in abolishing needless positions.

By the transfer of the insurance branch to another official and closing up the Bureau of Provincial Information, some \$10,000 a year is being saved without any loss in the efficiency of the services being rendered the public in these directions.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

It would be perfectly correct to say that in the Department of Railways, presided over by the Hon. John Oliver, "things have happened" during the last twelve months. It would be equally correct to say that the nature of the happenings have been somewhat illuminating, while the aftermath appears to be still in the incubation stage. What the final outcome of the railway situation, in which the Pro-

vince finds itself at the present time, will be, none of the wise men in the East are able to decide.

During the last session of the Legislature the Railway Act was amended to enable the Minister to make public information in respect of the Railway Corporations. The effect of the inquiry by a select committee of the House into the affairs of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company and the publication of the facts concerning the transactions of the Canadian Northern Railway Company scarcely failed in their salutary effect.

Railway Liabilities.

Briefly the Province has assumed contingent liabilities in respect of the P. G. E. approximating \$35,710,000 and on account of the C. N. P. R. \$47,975,000. In connection with the P. G. E., investigations showed that the contractors had made a profit of over five millions of dollars on construction and that the Company, as such, had paid no capital whatever. On the other hand the Company had received six or seven millions from the Province of British Columbia more than it was entitled to receive. To protect the Province the Minister refused to advance any further money beyond what was actually required to pay for labor and material used in construction.

The Company at once ceased construction and the Government instituted a suit to recover moneys illegally paid, and also to recover stock illegally issued as fully paid up, and for which no value had been given. There has been a good deal of talk as to effecting a settlement of this suit by agreement, but no acceptable proposal to the Railway Department has been received from the Railway Company.

VILLAGE FOR VETERANS.

The first industrial village for disabled soldiers and sailors is to be constructed in Lancaster, England, on a large estate given by Sir Thomas Storey. It is to be laid out with workshops, houses for married men and hostels or fraternal homes for others.

There will be a new church recreation ground, garden, new public park and the existing mansion will be used as a club house. There will also be accommodation for about 300 disabled men in the village.

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THE CANADIAN NORTHERN.

In recent issues of The Times the general situation between the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway and the Government of the Province of British Columbia has been dealt with at considerable length. It may be recalled, however, that about a year ago, when the present administration had been in office rather more than one month, Sir William Mackenzie demanded a further guarantee of \$10,000 per mile to induce him to proceed with the construction of the railway on Vancouver Island. The policy of the Department now is to force the Railway Company to recognize its obligations to the Province and to implement such recognition by construction.

The Minister takes the stand that in view of the fact that the Federal Government has acquired the capital stock of the Company and taken away any Provincial control, in equity, the Federal Government should make good on the Company's contracts, and also relieve the Province of its contingent liabilities as guarantors of the Railway Company's bonds. The Railway Department's activities have also been directed along the lines of compelling the Railway Companies to file their final location plans with the Department, and the number of plans so filed is large.

Logging Railways.

At the suggestion of the Department the Government has brought all logging and mining railways under the control of this Department, while careful supervision over both roadbeds and equipment is being maintained.



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WILLARD CALLS FOR
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Northwestern Baseball Delegates Will Have Big Business on January 15

Seattle, Jan. 1.—Organization of the greater Northwestern Baseball League is set for January 15 or thereabouts. While the exact date has not been fixed, it is to be selected when certain big things, predicted by the league's president, Robert L. Blewett, have been consummated. It is reasonably certain that the big events will come off on or slightly before the 15th.

The coming meeting is one of the most portentous ever held by this league. It marks the return of the city of Portland as a rival of its commercial and geographical neighbors. It marks a return to playing on a plane such as has not been known since Portland seceded and joined the Pacific Coast League. It marks an effort by the magnates to maintain a healthful amusement for a public overworked by war labor and overburdened with war worries.

From all present indications it is reasonably certain that an eight-club league will be formed and that Class A rating will be sought.

Butte, through W. A. Davey, president of the club, has announced that it wants to stay in the Northwestern League. It is prepared to put in a manager who will be popular with both fans and players, and to make a determined bid for support.

Great Falls, the smallest city in the circuit, but one which with the loss of opening day and Decoration Day through snow last season, averaged \$2,400 a week for four weeks, is ready to try again.

There remains the selection of an eighth town to round out the circuit or the dropping of one city to make a six-club league. On this big question will the real fight of the league meet.

AFTER BIG GAME.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—"Bear Cat" Tom McMahon, who fights in the heavyweight ranks out of Newcastle, Pa., is in Chicago and is said to be thirsting for a chance to joust with Fred Fulton. McMahon holds a decision over Jess Willard, earned in the days before Jess was champion, and believes the tactics that enabled him to beat Willard would spell defeat for Fulton.

MORAN AND FULTON.

New Orleans, Jan. 1.—Frank Moran, Pittsburgh heavyweight, and Fred Fulton, leading challenger for the title, will meet in a twenty-round go here January 29, according to announcement made by Dominick Tortorich, promoter of the new Louisiana Auditorium.

Tortorich says both fighters have signed an agreement to battle and that he has promised the winner a chance at Jess Willard.

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MORE OLD COUNTRY

ATHLETES LISTED WITH CASUALTIES

British Sportsmen Called Upon to Pay the Price of Victory

London, Jan. 1.—Major R. C. Ward, of the Buffs, attached to the Tank Corps, the rugby and boxing Cambridge Blue, is reported as killed at the front. He played for Clifton College, and won the schools heavyweight boxing in 1899, and the heavies for Cambridge against Oxford in 1902. He obtained his Blues as a forward in 1903, and afterwards played regularly for the Harlequins, leading the pack. Captain G. B. Crole, M. C. R. F. C., the Oxford University Rugby Blue, is in the missing list.

Swindon Star Falls.

Lieut. F. G. Wheatcroft, the Swindon centre forward, who was attached to the East Surrey Regiment, has been killed in action. Before becoming a professional he won his amateur international cap, playing against Ireland in 1907. Before going to Swindon Wheatcroft assisted Fulham, Derby County and Reading.

News has been received of the death in action of Gunner Sidney Martin, who was an accomplished swimmer and water polo player, assisting the Croft House S. C. to win the Yorkshire water polo championship. He also won the swimming championship of Sheffield.

Lieut. G. C. B. James, whose death in action is announced, rowed in the Eton College boat at Henley, and was captain of his college boat at Oxford.

Capt. W. L. Carver, killed, was in the Rugby XV. and cricket XI. when at Hereford School, and afterwards captained the Weston-super-Mare cricket and hockey clubs.

Famous Runner Killed.

One of the best distance runners in the south of England, Capt. S. F. Ayres, has been killed whilst leading his men into action. He won the South London Harriers' mile in 1910 and 1911, and led their team home in many an inter-club race.

The death is announced of Lieut. Hughes Cameron, who succumbed to wounds in Palestine. Lieut. Cameron was a prominent player of the Clapton C. C. before the war, and he played once or twice in 1915 for West Ham United.

A well-known Maesteg footballer, Corp. Rees Bowen, R. F. A., has been killed in action.

Major the Hon. L. H. Tennison, who played such fine cricket for Hampshire in 1912, is officially reported wounded for the fourth time.

Lieut. A. D. Law, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, killed in action, was also a noted footballer and cricketer at Fettes College.

Brothers Lose Lives.

Two more Edinburgh Academicals, the brothers Captain James McLaren, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and Lieut. William McLaren, R.F.C., have lost their lives, the former having been killed in action and the latter dying of wounds.

Capt. L. R. M. Malloch, M. C., Scottish Rifles, played for Glasgow High School (F.P.) Lieut. and Adjutant A. L. St. Flair Thompson, M.C., Liverpool Regiment, was in the fifteen at Bedford Grammar School.

Few soldiers have had a more wonderful fighting career than Brigadier-General Adrian Carton de Wiart, V.C. D.S.O., who is once again officially reported wounded. It was only a fortnight ago since his name last appeared in the list. A son of the late Maitre Carton de Wiart, one of the leading lawyers in Egypt, the gallant officer is a nephew of the British minister of justice. Born in 1883, Brigadier-General Carton de Wiart, by the way, is a keen hunting man and point-to-point rider, while his prowess at polo is well known. He was a member of the winning team in the 1911 inter-regimental contest that won the 15th Hussars' Cup at Lucknow in 1914. A fine all-round sportsman, Major Atkinson's death will be much regretted by many on this side of the water, as well as by Indian sportsmen generally.

POLO PLAYER KILLED.

London, Jan. 1.—Polo has lost many of its foremost devotees during the war, and another fine player is just reported to have gone under, Major F. St. J. Atkinson, Indian Cavalry, being killed in action on the first of this month. Major Atkinson was one of the greatest polo players in India, where his handicap was 9. At Birmingham, prior to the war, he was assessed at 8. He played for many victorious sides in India, and, as member of the Calcutta P.C., was on the winning side in the Indian polo championship in 1909, while he scored again in 1913 as a member of the Viceroys' star side, and was one of the Tigers' quartette that won the 15th Hussars' Cup at Lucknow in 1914. A fine all-round sportsman, Major Atkinson's death will be much regretted by many on this side of the water, as well as by Indian sportsmen generally.

BOWLER PASSES AWAY.

Vancouver, Jan. 1.—Death has taken one of the best known lawn bowlers in the city in the person of Walter J. Frame, president of the Lower Mainland Lawn Bowling Association, and of the Kerrisdale Club. Mr. Frame died suddenly on Saturday, following a breakdown in health. His death will be a severe blow to all bowlers in the city. He was one of the most reliable sides and one of the best sportsmen, and gave considerable help to the establishing of the old Scotch game in the Province. He leaves two sisters and a brother, who returned from the front about a month ago.

JOINS THE NAVY.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—One of McAdoo's trains will steam out of Chicago March 15, bearing the world's champion White Sox to their spring training camp at Mineral Wells, Texas. The date set for the departure of the White Sox is the latest of any spring training trip the team has taken in years. As the season begins April 16, the Sox will have less than a month of actual training. War time economy is responsible for the curtailment of the training season.

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JOINS THE NAVY.

Johnny Lustig, the New York lightweight, who distinguished himself in battles with Benny Leonard, Freddie Welsh, Johnny Dundee and Ted Lewis, has joined the navy and is stationed at Newport, R. I. He did not join to escape the draft, as he was exempt.

ACCORDING TO PROMOTED SNOWY BAKER.

New York, Jan. 1.—Ope more twenty-round stronghold has adopted the ten-round system of boxing bouts.

Owing to the smaller attendance at the bouts, due to the war and the consequent smaller purses, the Australian promoters have cut down the bouts from twenty to ten rounds.

According to Promoted Snowy Baker, the innovation has proved to be a success and will be continued even after the war. Baker says the spectators are much better pleased with the shorter bouts as they make for more action and less stalling.

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VICTORIAN AWARDED FURTHER DISTINCTION

Bar to D. S. O. is Given Lieut.-Col. W. W. Foster, Says Cable to Wife

Lieut.-Col. W. W. Foster, formerly Deputy Minister of Public Works of the province, and for the last six months officer commanding the 2nd Battalion at the front, has been awarded a bar to the D. S. O., with which he was invested by the King at Buckingham Palace a year ago.

This information was yesterday received by Mrs. Foster in a cable from Capt. Hayward, of Duncan, a close friend and former associate of Col. Foster here, and it is understood the further distinction has been awarded



LIEUT.-COL. W. W. FOSTER, D.S.O.

RECEIVES A BAR TO HIS MILITARY CROSS KNIGHTHOOD FOR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

Capt. A. C. Nation Wins Further Distinction for "Special Gallantry Under Fire"

For special gallantry under fire at Lens, Capt. Arthur Chilcott Nation has had a bar added to the Military Cross bestowed upon him a year ago for conspicuous gallantry in the field.

Capt. Nation, who joined the 5th Battalion on the outbreak of the war, went overseas with a reinforcing draft for the Princess "Pats" in January, 1915, and was transferred to the 7th (1st B. C. Regiment) Battalion on reaching England, receiving his commission some time before winning the M. C. His brother, Major Harold Nation, who, with his sisters, resides at 1603 Burns Street, has returned from overseas and resumed his position as assistant to the Deputy-Minister of Mines, while another brother, Philip, was killed at the second battle of Ypres in April, 1915.

RAIN 13 INCHES

Sun Shone Over Victoria for 2,093 Hours During Year Now Closed.

With the previous record—made in 1891—of 12.58 inches as being the biggest recorded rainfall here in December, the month now just ended saw Jupiter Pluvius break that 1891 record with a fresh one of 13.02 inches of rain, figures which stand as the highest for the last 44 years. This total precipitation, states F. Napier Denison, superintendent of the Gonzales Observatory, compares with an average rainfall for the month of 4.34, and shows that the rain was 3.68 inches above the average.

During the month of December the mean temperature was 41, a figure which represents just the average. The highest temperature was experienced on December 5, when it stood at 56; and the lowest on December 24, when the figure was 27.5. The lowest ground temperature for the month was 22.5, and also occurred on December 24. The total sunshine for the month was only 31 hours, being 34 hours below the average.

The Year's Figures.

The mean temperature for the year was 48.4, which is one degree below the average. The highest temperature during the year was that of August 19, when 82 was recorded. The lowest temperature was that of 13 on January 30. With the exception of August, November and December, all the months were below the average temperatures.

Although the sunshine last month was scant and only half the average, the total sunshine for the year was 2,093 hours, which is 62 hours above the annual average. Dividing these 2,093 hours when the beams of Apollo stream down upon this favored locality it will be seen that the daily sunshine average for the year was 5 hours and 42 minutes.

PRESENTATION MADE

H. Ballard, Manager of Gordon's, Ltd., Receives New Year's Gift From Employees.

A pleasing little ceremony took place at the establishment of Gordon's, Ltd., Yates Street, last evening, when a presentation was made by the staff to H. Ballard, the genial manager of the store.

After the close of business the employees gathered on the main floor of the building, when Mr. Laver, of the Dress Goods Department, presented the manager with a handsome reading lamp of dull hammered brass with opal shade. The gift was accompanied by an expression of the staff's appreciation of Mr. Ballard's kindness, and with wishes for his happiness and prosperity in the New Year. To Mrs. Ballard was presented a beautiful bouquet of red carnations.

Thanking the employees on behalf of himself and wife, Mr. Ballard, in a few happily-chosen words, voiced his appreciation of the sentiments prompting the gift and expressed the hope that the year 1918 would see a continuance of the amicable relations which had existed between himself and the staff in the year which was just closing.

DOWN WITH PNEUMONIA

Parents of Sapper F. D. Burns Hear He is Seriously Ill in England.

John G. and Mrs. Burns, who reside on Redfern Street, have received information that their son, Sapper F. D. Burns, is seriously ill with pneumonia in England. Sapper Burns left the city with the 88th Battalion, in May, 1916, but on account of being too young, was retained in England.

Unique Survey Mark.—D. J. McDonald, of Kamloops, has a unique survey mark taken by himself from a cedar tree two miles south of Sanoe Landing in the North Thompson Valley. He is preparing the mark for exhibition at the Provincial Museum in Victoria. The mark was made by Edgar Dewdney, engineer in charge of a Canadian Pacific Railway survey party, and is dated July 15, 1872. The marking was made on the trunk of a cedar tree, the bark being hewn off. The characters which are still quite distinct, were made with red lead chalk. The inscription is: V. R. C. P. R. S. Camp 4, moved 4 miles up river, July 15, 1872. Bar. 2784. Edgar Dewdney, in charge.

One Drunk Case.—The New Year's Eve celebration was too much for one Chinaman, who was released on bail pending the next sitting of the Police Court.

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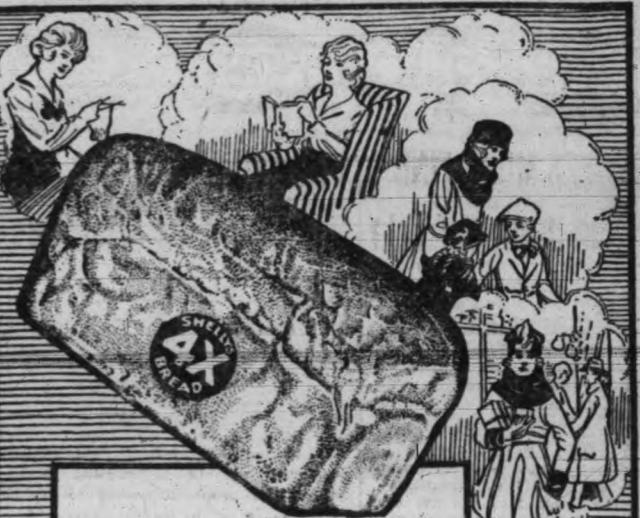
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Street Celebration.—Little of the memory of former years was seen in the City on the occasion of the ringing in of the New Year. The whistles blew as usual but the shadow of the war seemed to have made the crowd smaller and less mirthful than usual. The weather too was hardly such as to induce the presence of large crowds on the streets.

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Flight-Lieut. Frank M. Ward Confirmed in Rank in Royal Flying Corps.

Receiving his commission last June, Flight-Lieut. Frank M. Ward, R. F. C., eldest son of Mrs. M. Ward, 1139 McClure Street, was officially gazetted as Flight-Lieutenant on December 10, in London.

Lieut. Ward, who transferred to the aerial service from the 5th Gordon Highlanders, which he entered as a private and left as a Lieutenant, was for six years, private secretary to the Provincial Minister of Finance, and more recently, was employed in the Treasury Department. For three years he was scoutmaster of a local troop of Boy Scouts, and hon. sec. of the Victoria Scouts' Association.

He is at present in England, but expects to go to France at an early date. One brother, Lieut. John Ward, who left the city with the 88th Battalion, is in France, and another brother, Lieut. Victor Ward, commands the wireless station at Newcastle, Nova Scotia.

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Bar to D. S. O. is Given Lieut.-Col. W. W. Foster, Says Cable to Wife

Lieut.-Col. W. W. Foster, formerly Deputy Minister of Public Works of the province, and for the last six months officer commanding the 2nd Battalion at the front, has been awarded a bar to the D. S. O., with which he was invested by the King at Buckingham Palace a year ago.

This information was yesterday received by Mrs. Foster in a cable from Capt. Hayward, of Duncan, a close friend and former associate of Col. Foster here, and it is understood the further distinction has been awarded

New Military Hospital.—On the authority of Major J. S. Harvey, O. C. "J" Unit, a military hospital for the treatment of bronchial and asthma cases will be established in the interior of British Columbia, probably at Kamloops. In the meantime a wing of Vernon Hospital is being used for such cases. With the completion of certain improvements and alterations to be made at the military hospitals there will soon be accommodation in this province for two thousand convalescent soldiers.

Police Statistics.—According to the police report for December compiled by Jaller Hastings, there were 94 convictions in the police court and 17 discharged. The cases were as follows: Assault, 2; army desertion, 2; infraction of city by-laws, 2; drunks, 26; Deserted Wives Act, 1; Egg Marks Act, 2; Food Regulation Act, 1; Half-Holiday Act, 29; Motor Act, 4; Military Service Act, 1; obtaining money by false pretences, 1; Opium Act, 27; Prohibition Act, 12; stealing, 4; Special War Revenue Act, 1; supplying intoxicants to Indians, 2; vagrancy, 1; in safekeeping, 32; unsound mind, 2. There were 16 accidents to persons reported, in 15 of which first aid was rendered by the police. The patrol wagon responded to 139 calls.

LIEUT.-COL. W. W. FOSTER, D. S. O. principally in recognition of Col. Foster's excellent work during the fighting at the end of October and early part of November at Passchendaele, when his battalion formed part of the force which attacked Crest Farm at the point of the bayonet.

Or that night the official communiqué stated that the attacking party killed, wounded or captured the occupants of the concrete strongholds, rooted out enemy machine guns and turned their fire on the counter-attacking forces, *hastily thrown forward* from the enemy reserve line behind Passchendaele Ridge. Col. Foster, who left the city in command of "C" Company, 2nd C. M. R. I.'s, in June, 1915, has been twice wounded and once gassed.

Boy Injured.—David Brenner, while cycling on Oak Bay Avenue near Fowl Bay Road, was struck by the car of Henry Dowell on Sunday. The boy was bruised, and the wheel damaged. Mr. Dowell took the boy home in his car.

Rotary Luncheon.—L. D. McLean, sergeant-at-arms in the local Rotary Club, some weeks ago challenged two members, whom he named, to a trial of eloquence. This event will take place on Thursday, when each of the chosen ones will speak for two minutes at the Empress Hotel. These members, who it is presumed usually prefer meditation to speech, will enlarge upon subjects of their own choosing. Frank Schi will lead the Rotary choir in renderings of some of the club's popular songs.

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RECEIVES A BAR TO HIS MILITARY CROSS

Capt. A. C. Nation Wins Further Distinction for "Special Gallantry Under Fire"

For special gallantry under fire at Lens, Capt. Arthur Chilcott Nation has had a bar added to the Military Cross bestowed upon him a year ago for conspicuous gallantry in the field.

Capt. Nation, who joined the 88th Battalion on the outbreak of the war, went overseas with a reinforcing draft for the Princess "Pats" in January, 1915, and was transferred to the 7th (1st B. C. Regiment) Battalion on reaching England, receiving his commission some time before winning the M. C. His brother, Major Harold Nation, who with his sisters, resides at 1603 Burns Street, has returned from overseas and resumed his position as assistant to the Deputy-Minister of Mines, while another brother, Philip, was killed at the second battle of Ypres in April, 1915.

RAIN 13 INCHES

Sun Shone Over Victoria for 2,093 Hours During Year Now Closed.

With the previous record—made in 1891—of 12.58 inches as being the biggest recorded rainfall here in December, the month now just ended saw Jupiter Pluvius break that 1891 record with a fresh one of 13.02 inches of rain, figures which stand as the highest for the last 44 years. This total precipitation, states F. Napier Denison, superintendent of the Gonzales Observatory, compares with an average rainfall for the month of 4.34, and shows that the rain was 3.68 inches above the average.

During the month of December the mean temperature was 41, a figure which represents just the average. The highest temperature was experienced on December 31, when it stood at 56; and the lowest on December 24, when the figure was 27.5. The lowest ground temperature for the month was 22.5, and also occurred on December 24. The total sunshine for the month was only 31 hours, being 24 hours below the average.

The Year's Figures

The mean temperature for the year was 48.4, which is one degree below the average. The highest temperatures during the year was that of August 19, when 82 was recorded. The lowest temperature was that of 13 on January 30. With the exception of August, November and December, all the months were below the average temperature.

Although the sunshine last month was scant and only half the average, the total sunshine for the year was 2,093 hours, which is 62 hours above the annual average. Dividing these 2,093 hours when the beams of Apollo stream down upon this favored locality it will be seen that the daily sunshining average for the year was 5 hours and 42 minutes.

PRESENTATION MADE

H. Ballard, Manager of Gordon's, Ltd., Receives New Year's Gift From Employees.

A pleasing little ceremony took place at the establishment of Gordon's, Ltd., Yates Street, last evening, when a presentation was made by the staff to H. Ballard, the genial manager of the store.

After the close of business the employees gathered on the main floor of the building, when Mr. Layer, of the Dress Goods Department, presented the manager with a handsome reading lamp of dull hammered brass with opal shade. The gift was accompanied by an expression of the staff's appreciation of Mr. Ballard's kindness, and with wishes for his happiness and prosperity in the New Year. To Mrs. Ballard was presented a beautiful bouquet of red carnations.

Thanking the employees on behalf of himself and wife, Mr. Ballard, in a few happily-chosen words, voiced his appreciation of the sentiments prompting the gift and expressed the hope that the year 1918 would see a continuance of the amicable relations which had existed between himself and the staff in the year which was just closing.

DOWN WITH PNEUMONIA

Parents of Sapper F. D. Burns Hear He is Seriously Ill in England.

John G. and Mrs. Burns, who reside on Redfern Street, have received information that their son, Sapper F. D. Burns, is seriously ill with pneumonia in England. Sapper Burns left the city with the 88th Battalion in May, 1916, but on account of being too young, was retained in England.

Unique Survey Mark.—D. J. McDonald, of Kamloops, has a unique survey mark taken by himself from a cedar tree two miles south of Sanoe Landing in the North Thompson Valley. He is preparing the mark for exhibition at the Provincial Museum in Victoria. The mark was made by Edgar Dowdney, engineer in charge of a Canadian Pacific Railway survey party, and is dated July 15, 1872. The marking was made on the trunk of a cedar tree, the bark being worn off. The characters which are still quite distinct were made with red lead chalk. The inscription is: V. R. C. P. R. S. Camp 4, moved 4 miles up river, July 15, 1872. Bar. 2784. Edgar Dowdney, in charge.

One Drunk Case.—The New Year's Eve celebration was too much for one Chinaman, who was released on bail pending the next sitting of the Police Court.

KNIGHTHOOD FOR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNO

Hon. F. S. Barnard Becomes K. C. M. G.; Major-General Steele Also Decorated



SIR FRANCIS STILLMAN BARNARD

Sir Francis Stillman Barnard, K. C. M. G., whose name figures in the New Year honors, has been Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia since December, 1914. His Honor is at present away, his duties being in charge of the administration in his absence. He is expected back at Government House next week.

He is the third of the ten Lieutenant-Governors of British Columbia since Confederation to receive knighthood. Sir Francis, it is understood, regards the honor as being a tribute paid to the province for its magnificent response in the war and to patriotic services during the past three and a half years, rather than as a personal honor.

Well-known Family

Sir Francis was born in Toronto on May 16, 1856, his father, Francis J. Barnard, being descended from an old-established New England family which located in Massachusetts in the middle of the seventeenth century. His father came to British Columbia at the time of the gold rush, bringing his family out in the early sixties, establishing later the celebrated express service with which the early life in the province is closely interwoven. Mr. Barnard went into politics later and was a member of the House of Commons until his health failed.

The Lieutenant-Governor was educated locally and became associated with the British Columbia Express Company in 1873. He was general manager in 1881 and president in the following year. In 1884 he married Miss Martha Amelia Loewen. He was elected to the Victoria City Council in 1885 and 1887, and in the following year was returned to the House of Commons for Lillico-Cariboo in the Conservative interest, being re-elected at the general election of 1891. Since that time he made one effort to re-enter Dominion politics, having been an unsuccessful candidate at the by-election in this city in 1902.

In business Sir Francis was chiefly known for his close association with electric traction, as president of the Consolidated Railway Company, Vancouver, 1894 to 1896, and then in various capacities with the B. C. Electric Railway Company. He retired from active business a number of years ago.

His brother is Senator Barnard, of this city.

A Gentil Soldier

Major-General Sir Sam Steele, K. C. M. G., also named in the honors list, who now holds a command in England, is well-known as a brave and skillful officer. He has many Victoria friends, and has been here on more than one occasion as inspecting officer. There are few officers in the Canadian militia list with a longer record of decorations for active service.

Sir Sam is the son of a British naval officer who settled in Simcoe County, Ontario, where he was born at Brookfield, January 5, 1849.

He entered the Thirty-fifth Regiment in 1864 and commenced active service in the Fenian Raid of that year, also proceeding to the Red River in the expedition under Col. Wolseley. For a number of years he was associated with the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, being absent, however, during the Northwest Rebellion. In that outbreak he commanded the cavalry and scouts of General Strange's column. He fought several engagements with the Indians, notably at Lolo Lake. He next led an expedition in the Kootenay to put down an Indian rising, and

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Street Celebration.—Little of the hilarity of former years was seen in the City on the occasion of the ushering in of the New Year. The whistles blew as usual—but the shadow of the war seemed to have made the crowd smaller and less mirthful than usual. The weather too was hardly such as to induce the presence of large crowds on the streets.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Malahat closed till January 4th, on account of landslide north of Fitzgerald Road.

PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEER.

Motor Car Missing.—The epidemic of motor car thefts continues, one being reported missing from the curb outside the Bank of Montreal last evening.



RECOMMENDS FULL MOTORIZATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Davis Again Advises Construction of New Drill Tower

SMALL INCREASE IN TOTAL FIRE LOSS

According to Chief Davis's report on the Victoria Fire Department for 1917, the department responded to 227 alarms during the year, a decrease of ten alarms over 1916, of which 20 were box alarms, 191 telephone alarms and 6 messenger alarms, making a total of 227 in all. The total loss by fire on buildings and contents for the year 1917 amounted to \$141,889.31, being an increase of \$11,908.63 over that of the year 1916. The details were: Buildings with insurance paid, \$12,202.51; contents with insurance paid, \$31,574.80; buildings with no insurance, \$6,077; contents with no insurance, \$32,055; insurance on buildings, \$35,800; insurance on contents, \$12,250. The principal fire was at the Cameron Mills on June 8, and upon this the Chief comments: "With the three streams which were available our Department did splendid work in confining the fire in the buildings wherein it started. Had it not been for this fire taking place our fire losses would have compared very favorably with that of 1916."

The Chief deals with the motorizing of the apparatus, the efficiency of the alarm system, the work in the stations and the fire inspection bureau. In this last connection it is stated that 3,625 inspections were made and he attributes the steady decrease of fires to this system. Fourteen convictions were secured in the police court for infractions of the by-law.

Dealing with the requirements of the department, Chief Davis says:

"I would again recommend that a proper and up-to-date drill tower be built in the market yard in the rear of the headquarters station, to be equipped with fire escapes and standpipes, so that the members of our department can be more thoroughly drilled in the method of life saving and fire fighting, thereby increasing efficiency. I consider the present hose tower which we use for drill purposes is not at all adapted for such, so I trust that your board will grant this long felt want."

"I would again recommend that the power feed wire from the B. C. Electric Company's sub-station on Store Street to our high pressure station be placed in underground conduit, that the necessary number of feet of cable for the carrying on of this work be purchased and the work of installation commenced at the earliest possible moment. The present overhead feed wire I consider altogether too dangerous in case of a serious fire in the mill district. At the present time, owing to lack of steam on boilers in the city electric light station the steam-driven turbine pump is of little use. We have to depend upon the electric pump in case of any accident occurring to the Sooke Lake water supply, which at present feeds the high pressure system."

"I would also recommend that owing to the increased high cost of horse feed that No. 1 aerial truck be motorized by the placing of a front drive under same. That a second hand 60 hp. automobile be purchased, reconstructed and overhauled in the department machine shop and when finished be placed in service at No. 6 station, Fairfield Road. If these recommendations are carried out, we shall be able to dispense with the services of six horses. If this recommendation is carried out our whole department will be completely motorized, which would mean a big saving in the expenditure and at the same time increased efficiency."

"I would also recommend that a Ford truck be purchased. This could be used by our superintendent of fire alarm in line work and box inspection, also for the delivery of supplies to the various stations and for drill purposes. Further, in case of a breakdown of any of our present machines the car could be used as a spare machine. The old McLaughlin car could be traded in as part payment for this truck. This recommendation I consider absolutely necessary."

ELKS CELEBRATE

Dinner Party at Dominion and Dance at Club Rooms Last Night.

The dining room of the Dominion Hotel was the scene of much gaiety last night on the occasion of a dinner party at which A. M. Fraser was the guest of honor.

The affair was attended by about fifty of Mr. Fraser's brother Elks, and was in the nature of a "farewell" to him on the eve of his departure for Vancouver. Much merriment was occasioned by the donning of paper caps and bonnets of various degrees of becomingness. Several speakers voiced the general regret at Mr. Fraser's departure, all agreeing that "he is a jolly good fellow." After a short musical programme the whole party adjourned to the New Year's Eve dance given by the Elks at their club.

About two hundred were in attendance at the dance which all agree was the most successful affair ever held by the local fraternity. The hall was effectively decorated with flags, bunting, holly and evergreens, thus making a charming background for the dancing of the ladies.

A splendid programme of up-to-date music, in which "Jazz" selections predominated, was given by Ozard's orchestra. Dancing was continued until about 3:30 this morning.

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EXAMINATION RESULTS

OF B.C. UNIVERSITY

Local Students Pass Tests of Provincial College; Percentage on Finals

The results of the annual Christmas examinations at the University of British Columbia have just been announced, and Victoria students in several instances stand high in the ranking. A. L. Marshall, of the Fourth Year Arts; Miss C. Bradshaw and Miss N. G. Clarke, passed the tests of the final year. In the second year Miss E. C. Lucas and Miss E. P. H. Smith also did splendid work.

A percentage of fifty is necessary in each examination, and a student to be successful must not fall in more than three subjects. Failure in more than three subjects in the first year disqualifies the student for further participation at the University during this term. The Christmas results count forty per cent. of the final examinations in May.

The following are the results obtained by Victoria students:

Fourth Year.

The following Victoria students have passed in all subjects of the fourth year in Arts: Bradshaw, N. G. Clarke, Marshall.

Third Year.

The following Victoria students have passed in all subjects of the third year in Arts: Grant, D. E. Kerr, Marwick, O. E. McLean.

Faculty of Arts, 4th Year.

French, 4—Passed, N. G. Clarke. Chemistry, 7—First class, Marshall. Chemistry, 9—First class, Marshall.

Third and Fourth Years.

Economics, 8—Second class, Bradshaw. Passed, Marwick.

English, 5, Drama—Second class.

Marwick.

English, 8—First Class, Grant; second class, Marwick.

English, 9 (Milton) — Bradshaw, Grant.

French, 2—Second class, N. G. Clarke, Grant.

History, 6—First class, Bradshaw.

Latin, 4—Second class, N. G. Clarke.

Philosophy, 2—First class—Bradshaw; second class, Grant. Passed, Marwick.

Third Year.

Chemistry, 3—Second class, D. E. Kerr.

Third and Fourth Years.

Chemistry, 5—Second class, D. E. Kerr.

Geology, 1—Second class, Bradshaw.

D. E. Kerr, N. G. Clarke, Marwick.

Minerals, 1—First class, Marshall.

Mathematics, 3—First class, R. C. Hardie.

Mathematics, 3—Analytical Geometry, first class, R. C. Hardie.

Mathematics, 4—Calculus, first class, Marshall.

Mathematics, 4—Analytic Geometry, first class, Marshall.

Second Year Arts Passed.

The following students have passed in all the subjects of the second year in Arts: Lucas, Porter, E. P. H. Smith.

Faculty of Arts—Second Year.

English 3—First class, Lucas, Smith; passed, Porter.

Faculty of Arts and Agriculture—Second Year.

French—First class, Lucas, E. P. H. Smith; passed, Porter.

Faculty of Arts—Second Year.

Latin 2—First class, Lucas, Smith; passed, Porter.

History 2—First class, Porter.

Faculty of Arts, Second, Third and Fourth Years.

Economics 1—First class, Marshall; second class, Porter, O. E. McLean.

Faculty of Arts—Second Year.

Geometry 2—Second class, Lucas, E. P. H. Smith.

Faculty of Arts and Agriculture—Second Year.

Logic—Second class, Bradshaw, N. G. Clarke, O. E. McLean.

Faculty of Arts—Second, Third and Fourth Years.

Psychology—First class—Bradshaw; second class, O. E. McLean, N. G. Clarke.

Second Year Science.

The following students have passed in all the subjects of the second year of applied science: R. C. Hardie.

General Engineering 1—Second class, Hardie.

Mechanical Engineering 1—Passed.

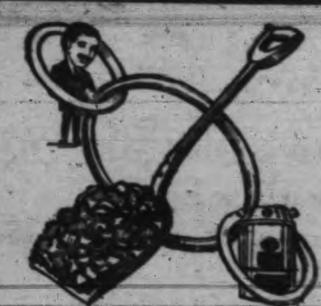
Physics 2—Second class, Hardie.

Surveying 1—Passed, Hardie.

Mechanical Drawing—Second class, Hardie.

Faculty of Arts and Agriculture—First Year.

English Literature—Passed, Ellard, Falconer.



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WORK ACCOMPLISHED DURING LAST YEAR

Provincial Government Departments Dealing With Agriculture, Mines and Lands

WAR'S NECESSITY WAS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR

Demand for Lumber and Minerals More Insistent Than Ever

Reference is made elsewhere in this issue to the activities of the various departments of the Provincial Government during the year which ended its days yesterday. In the following reviews will be found some of the more salient features which have engaged the attention of the Ministers and Departments of Agriculture, Mines and Lands.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT. It is common with other provinces of the Dominion when the empire-wide cry for increased production from the land becomes more insistent every day, British Columbia's Department of Agriculture has not turned a deaf ear to the call of the Motherland and her Allies. Directed partly towards the satisfaction of the needs of the times and partly with a view to permitting British Columbia to come into her own from the agricultural point of view, Hon. John Oliver, Minister of Agriculture, brought in his amendments to the Agricultural Act of 1916. The Agricultural Credits portion was repealed and the main provision in respect thereof merged into the Land Settlement and Development Act.

An Important Act. The public generally is by this time familiar with the scope and intent of the Act. It is operated by a body appointed within the provisions of the measure and named the Land Settlement Board, comprising a chairman and

five directors. It is the duty of the chairman, and he is fulfilling that part of the programme, to make occasional trips through the country in connection with the labors of other members of the Board; generally speaking however, the nature of his duties require his presence almost entirely at the offices of the Board in the Parliament Buildings Annex, on Superior Street, where he deals with the reports of the directors and controls the office staff.

Animals Act. There were a number of important features incorporated in the Animals Act, such as the provision for the registration of brands and the appointment of brand inspectors; the registration of stock removal, and the disposition of stock mixed in transit. The Act also provides for butchers keeping records of cattle slaughtered, and the brands thereof. The trend of the statute is to make it as difficult as possible for thieves to dispose of stolen animals, and for this purpose dealers in hides are required to hold a license.

Tuberculin Test. The Contagious Diseases Animals Act was amended during the session and made a good deal more workable by the improvements introduced by the Minister from this wealth of practical farming experience. A standard for dairies was arrived at and provisions made for the enforcement of the anti-tuberculosis regulations. The vote of money for that purpose being doubled. A new provision was enacted making the injection of tuberculin into cattle, for the purpose of preventing the operation of the tuberculin test, a punishable offence under the statute.

Beneficial Legislation. The Sheep Protection Act was designed to protect sheep from the ravages of dogs. The provisions of the measure are so stringent that if faithfully enforced, adequate protection will be afforded from the depredations of worthless dogs. One large district on Vancouver Island has already availed itself of the protection of the Act. The Egg Marks Act was amended so as to make its provisions more workable, while the effects of the amendments have already been reflected by a number of prosecutions, for violation of their provisions, and convictions secured.

Bright Outlook. One of the pleasing results of the new legislation has been the effect of bringing into close personal touch the Government engineers and miners. The latter are availing themselves of the former's knowledge in the solving of their problems and are finding the aid, which is freely given, of the utmost practical value. While much could be said of this most important Governmental branch, space will not permit of anything more than the general forecast of a still greater mining development throughout the coming year, and to this end the Department has been, is, and will continue to be engaged on many questions directed towards that desirable objective.

Will Fulfill Mission. The public is well aware by this time of the educative plans being carried on, and the extensions immediately contemplated, by the Department from the several references recently in these columns. Suffice it to say, then, that the Minister of Agriculture is alive to the necessity for increased

production of food stuffs and stocks.

DEPARTMENT OF MINES.

While the annual report of the Department of Mines, presided over by the Honorable William Sloan, has not yet been issued, it is expected that last year's output of minerals will be considered satisfactory, particularly when the various unfortunate circumstances and unforeseen conditions have been taken into account. That the output as a whole will not equal the record of 1916 may be taken for granted, principally on account of the intermittent labor troubles. The recent strike, which brought the vast operations of the Canadian Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company at Trail to a standstill, is a striking example of one of the hindering factors to a 1917 record for the Province.

Generally Satisfactory.

Nevertheless, the Hon. Mr. Sloan is gratified at the all-round results for the year and that satisfaction is similarly shared by mining men throughout the Province, as well as by those interests further afield, who are constantly training their figurative telescopes on the mining activities of British Columbia. The several Acts placed on the statute-books during the first legislative session of the present administration have doubtless worked out to the material benefit of the prospector and the operator, despite apprehension of varying substance exhibited in certain quarters.

Constructive Legislation.

The chief feature aiding the work of the Department of Mines under its present Minister, was the passage of legislation directed to assist the prospector and the mining operator. That accomplished, its active application during the season just closed has more than justified the creation of such machinery of development and, as time goes on, will remove those many monuments of wasted endeavor which have long dotted the mining districts of British Columbia. Another measure now meeting with general commendation is the Mineral Survey and Development Act. It will be recalled that this legislation provided for the division of British Columbia into six mineral survey districts, with a qualified resident mining engineer in charge. The men selected by the Minister are engineers of practical experience and well qualified for the duties assigned to them, with the result that the engineering staff of the Department commands the confidence of the mining world.

Needs of War.

Throughout the summer months these officials have been engaged in the inspection of properties in their various areas, reporting on their present showings and their possibilities, recommending—or otherwise—Government aid in the construction of trails to assist in the transportation of ore to the markets. With the persistent demands for an unparalleled war situation the engineers have devoted a good deal of energy to give every possible advice to prospectors and operators as to how best to work their claims in order to prove the ore bodies with the one aim of greater output wherever such ore exists in commercial quantities.

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DEPARTMENT OF LANDS.

The Department of Lands, with the Forest, Water, and Survey branches as subsidiary organizations, is presided over by the Hon. T. D. Pattullo, and a retrospect of the year just ended gives the titular head of the quadruple department matter for satisfactory contemplation. With the somewhat unhappy state of the large tracts of land in various sections, particularly the North, it may be as well in this review to devote more remark to the reorganization of the Lands Department, deemed advisable by the Minister incidentally at any rate, to the ultimate removal of conditions which are at the moment hindering development.

Four in One.

Briefly, that reorganization has been to consolidate the four branches, Land, Forest, Water, and Survey into one comprehensive whole. Hitherto each particular branch had its own staff and its own specific organization. The change, however, has resulted in the carrying out of the work entailed in the conduct of all four, with far greater dispatch and with chances of useless and, by the way, expensive overloading of staff and overlapping of effort reduced to the vanishing point.

The Proper Way.

For the convenience of the public, practically all public business with the Department is transacted in what was formerly the "General Office of the Lands Department," where all inquiries in connection with either Land, Water, Forests, or Surveys are handled. This phase of the combined Department's work, of course, applies to the general routine, since questions of a technical nature are referred to the respective technical head, i.e., Controller of Water Rights, Chief Forester, Superintendent of Lands or Surveyor General.

More Crown Grants.

During the past year a greatly increased number of Crown Grants have been issued, which is largely accounted for by the completion of application for proportionate allotments under the Soldiers' Homesteads Act, a considerable number of which are now being dealt with. And it may be here noted that three members of the staff are now employed solely on this work. It will also be remembered that during the summer months of this present year Mr. Pattullo went thoroughly into the matter of irrigation in that section

of the province known far and wide as the "dry belt."

First Hand.

Not desirous of relying upon information supplied to him through the various channels he took a trip to the very spots concerned and studied the question for himself, aided by expert information and discussion in the districts themselves. As a result of that trip he is now in a position to bring down legislation at the session which commences its deliberations on February 7 next which, he contends, is calculated to meet the situation.

Lumbering Business.

The activity in the lumbering business during the past year is shown by the gratifying increase in logs peeled throughout the province, the total having risen from 1,194 million feet in 1916 to 1,569 million in 1917—an increase of no less than 21 per cent. The forest revenue of the province has reflected this striking improvement by increasing 15 per cent, to a total of no less than two million and a quarter dollars. Included in this is the sum of \$89,000 paid as royalty on cut logs—a figure which breaks all previous records and which exceeds last year's collection by no less than 49 per cent.

Ninefold Increase.

The 24 sales of Crown timber effected have been particularly successful, the total value dealt with \$453,000 being more than double the amount for the previous year. The demand for spruce spruce and for pulp and paper products has stimulated a very noticeable development in lumbering on the northern coast. In Prince Rupert Forest District the log production was more than doubled and the value of timber sales has increased ninefold over the previous year.

Many Fires—Little Loss.

In many sections of the province the summer of 1917 proved to be one of the most dangerous on record as far as forest fires were concerned, and it is a matter of considerable satisfaction that, although nearly a thousand fires occurred with heavy damage in a few localities, the aggregate property loss was noticeably light. In this connection, too, a patrol of increased efficiency was maintained at a far lower cost than in previous years, in spite of the difficulties caused to the Department by the heavy percentages of enlistment among its staff.

What of 1918?

One of the most encouraging features

of the lumbering business during the last year—with promises of still greater things during 1918—is the strong demand for shipbuilding and aeroplane material. That condition, not a theory, taken in conjunction with the buoyant condition of the prairie markets, augurs well for a continuation of that activity. While indulging in this somewhat rosy prospect there still remains the possibility that shortage of labor and of logging equipment may be factors which may limit the ability of the province to meet the 1918 demand for her forest products. On the other hand, the fact that several concerns are planning huge production of aeroplane spruce, mention of which has already been made in these columns, suggests that necessity will still be the mother of invention in 1918.

RELIEVING SHORTAGE OF COAL IN NEW ENGLAND

Washington, Jan. 1.—Measures to relieve the New England coal shortage were taken last night after the situation had claimed the attention during the day of four Government Departments. The problem was taken up jointly by the Fuel Administration, the Navy Department, the Shipping Board and the new Director-General of Railroads.

These relief measures were announced:

The Shipping Board ordered nine steamships to proceed to Hampton Roads for coal cargoes for New England and directed them to remain in the service until the shortage is over.

The Navy Department put at the disposal of the Fuel Administration a part of a large store of steam coal at the Boston navy yard and arranged to employ idle naval tugs and colliers in transporting coal from Hampton Roads to New England ports. It also instructed navy yard commanders to deliver to the poor scraps of timber at the yards.

The Director-General of Railroads released 1,500 cars of coal standing on Pennsylvania railroad tracks between New York and Harrisburg, Pa., and directed that they go immediately to New England cities.

In addition to the nine ships turned over to the New England coal carrying trade, the Shipping Board will try to supply other vessels and will utilize all tugs and barges that may be spared from other work.

The admiral said:

"That is a matter of your internal politics, which in no wise concerns us. However, Germany would not wish to conclude peace with 'only one party.'

That is why we insisted that the delegates from Ukraine be admitted to the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk.

"We have not declined to hear representatives of other nationalities in Russia, even of other parties. We understand that a durable peace is attainable only when the factional passions in Russia have been allayed. Therefore, however much we desire peace, we await the re-establishment of order."

The admiral denied that the question of peace was bound up with the Constituent Assembly.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS NOT ALLOWED TO GO TO PETROGRAD

Paris, Jan. 1.—Premier Clemenceau yesterday refused the request of a delegation of Socialist members of the Chamber of Deputies for passports to Petrograd for Socialist delegates.

The Premier told the Socialists that he did not doubt their patriotism, but said the situation at Petrograd was too unsettled for a useful result to be obtained from their intervention and that giving them passports might seem like an endorsement of their mission, which would produce a harmful effect on opinion at the front as well as in the rear.

Many people would not fail to say in that case, added the Premier, that France was taking part in preliminary negotiations for peace, which was in no wise thought of in the absence of serious representations from the enemy.

QUICKSILVER FOUND IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—A neighbor hood quicksilver mine located on the edge of the Italian quarter here is returning a rich yield daily to several boys who discovered the liquid ore while rummaging for a lost baseball, it was reported here to-day.

Operating with barrels, pails and oil cans, the boy prospectors are recovering about 70 pounds of quicksilver a day, it was said.

It was believed here that the find is part of a \$100,000 store held in the warehouse of R. Kittle & Company up to the time of the earthquake here in 1906. The building was destroyed by the shock and the valuable metal streamed from the broken casks and was lost.

The Director-General also has ap pointed a temporary advisory cabinet, consisting of Mr. Holden, John Shelton Williams, comptroller of the currency; Harry Walters, chairman of the board of the Atlantic Coast Line; Edward Chambers, traffic manager for the Food Administration, and Walker D. Hines, now assistant to the Director-General.

TELEPHONE EMPLOYEES.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—A new wage scale granted electrical workers and operators of the Pacific Telephone &

Telegraph Company, containing an increase over the scale proposed by the President's mediation commission in its recent deliberations, became effective to-day. The increase, as determined in the negotiations between delegates of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and telephone company representatives, grants electrical workers a minimum wage of \$1.75 a day, with a maximum for student operators varying between \$9 weekly to \$25.00 on the smaller exchanges. The maximum to be obtained in no more than three years is from \$15.50 to \$12 a week.

SENTENCED TO YEAR.

Vancouver, Jan. 1.—Donald McKenzie, who was arrested some weeks ago on a charge of deserting from the 72nd Battalion, was tried yesterday, found guilty and sentenced to one year with hard labor.

AMERICAN-IRISH MARRIAGE.

London, Jan. 1.—Among several recent marriages of sailors in the American flotilla off the Irish coast with Irish girls, according to the Daily Chronicle, was that of a sailor named Goff to Miss Nora Carroll. The bride is the daughter of Lady Ellen Carroll, whose husband, the late Sir James Carroll, was prominent in the civic life of Queenstown.

CONFIDENT THIS YEAR

WILL BRING VICTORY

Lloyd George's Messages to Allies; Predicts Blow by Italy

London, Jan. 1.—The New Year's message sent to the Government of the United States by Mr. Lloyd George is similar to the messages sent by him to all the Entente nations except Russia. He thanks them all for the fortitude of their military and naval forces. The communication to the United States is the only one which mentions the League of Nations standing as the guardian of justice and liberty. The dispatch to Japan is somewhat shorter than the others, mentioning only that nation's naval services. All of them except those sent to the United States and Japan close thus:

"No words of mine can adequately convey our sense of what we owe to the forces which are fighting and suffering so that those behind the lines may enjoy liberty and peace. We can only thank them from the bottom of our hearts in full confidence that the New Year will see the fruition of their sacrifices in victory."

In his message to Italy, Mr. Lloyd George adds the following:

"The successful stand made during the last month by the Italian troops, despite the recent reverses, against the continued and desperate enemy assaults, filled the world with admiration. I am confident Italy not only will withstand all further attacks, but ere long will strike another mighty blow for the liberation not only of her own country, but of Europe from the militarist domination which has menaced it so long."

In his message to Alpine and its vicinity by Adjutant-General Harley on receipt of reports that the Mexicans were planning a raid over the border.

BOLSHEVIK TROOPS BEATEN BY COSSACKS AND UKRAINIANS

Stockholm, Dec. 31, London, Jan. 1.—Ukrainian and Cossack forces, in a great battle on the southwestern front, have defeated Bolshevik troops, taking 400 prisoners and capturing eight big guns and 32 machine guns, according to a dispatch received by The Dagens Nyheter from Petrograd by way of Harparanda. The Cossacks are in hot pursuit of the Bolsheviks.

London, Jan. 1.—The New Year's honor list announced last night bestows a large number of awards for war services of various kinds, with a sprinkling to literature and art. Among the most prominent men to receive honors are Sir Frederick E. Smith, the Attorney-General, who is now in the United States, to be a baronet, while Knights of the Order of Knighthood are bestowed on John Galsworth and Anthony Hope, authors.

Four new peerages are created—Rt. Hon. Frederick Cawley, Liberal M. P. and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster; Sir John B. Lonsdale, Conservative M. P. for Mid-Armagh; Almeric Hugh Paget, a Unionist leader, and Sir James T. Woodhouse, Royal Commissioner under the Defence of the Realm Act. Baron Furness, the shipping magnate, is made a viscount.

Henry Norman, journalist, traveler, author and a graduate of Harvard University, and Thomas Richards, Labor member of Parliament for West Monmouthshire, are made Privy Councillors. The new Knights include John Scott, Kellie, the geographer; John Lavery, the painter; Sidney J. Low, author and journalist; Edwin La Lutens, the architect; David Murray, R. A., artist; Leslie Ward, the artist, and Dr. Andrew Macphail, professor of the history of medicine in McGill University, Montreal.

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STRIKE OF FISHERMEN HAS BEEN AVERTED

Prince Rupert and Ketchikan Branches Favor Acceptance of New Agreement

There will be no strike of deep sea fishermen.

The fisherman of Prince Rupert and Ketchikan, according to the latest reports, have voted in favor of accepting the new agreement submitted by the employers to the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union. The Vancouver and Seattle unions had previously voted in favor of the acceptance of the new wage schedule. The new agreement went into effect to-day.

The companies operating fishing vessels have granted an advance for half-but of from 2 cents a pound up to November 1, and 2½ cents a pound after November 1, to 4 cents a pound the year around, to fishermen employed in vessels plying out of Vancouver, Seattle, Prince Rupert, and Ketchikan. The advance applies only to halibut, the old scale for other fish being agreed to by the men and officers of the fishing companies.

CUTTER BEAR TO BE CONVERTED INTO TRAINING VESSEL

The American cutter Bear, after 32 years in the coastguard service, is to be converted into a training ship for merchant marine officers. For many years past the Bear has made annual cruises to the Arctic Ocean. It was the Bear that brought to Esquimalt the shipwrecked members of the Steffanson party from Wrangell Island.

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PLANS TO EXPAND ITS OCEAN ROUTES

Osaka Shosen Kaisha Will Add New Tonnage to North Pacific Service This Year

NEW SHIPS NEARING COMPLETION IN JAPAN

With the inauguration of 1918 the Osaka Shosen Kaisha proposes to expand its sphere of operations on the Pacific and reorganize its numerous foreign services in anticipation of close competition in overseas trade.

Steamships of large tonnage are under construction in Japanese shipyards to the order of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, and as several of these vessels are about to be launched, and in view of the announced intention of the company to utilize some of these ships for the expansion of its North Pacific services, a few months should see marked changes, by the addition of larger tonnage, on the China-Japan-British Columbia and Puget Sound routes. Many months ago it was announced in these columns that the Osaka Shosen Kaisha had four steamships of the type of the Manila Maru, equally large freight carriers of 16,000 tons, but with increased first class passenger accommodation, under construction in Japan, these vessels being destined for the Victoria and Seattle trade.

On This Route.

Two of these vessels are due to be launched and, according to reports of O. S. K. commanders, are expected to be placed on this route during the early part of this year. Owing to the difficulty of securing steel in Japan, however, the entry of these new ships to the trans-Pacific service may be slightly delayed.

With all its expansion plans completed, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha will have a combined mercantile fleet of 415,000 tons, and it is anticipated that this scheme will be consummated by the beginning of next year.

Programme of Expansion.

Since May 1, 1884, when the Osaka Shosen Kabushiki Kaisha was organized, the record of the Japanese company has been one of general expansion. From the time of its organization up to the present time the company has been constantly adding to its fleet, replacing the smaller vessels by ships of larger tonnage. Vessels like the Canada Maru, Chicago Maru, Panam Maru, Mexico Maru, Seattle Maru and Tacoma Maru, nine in all, are of more than 6,000 tons gross; the Manila Maru and Hawaii Maru are of 10,000 tons, six others are of over 4,000 tons, eighteen of more than 2,000 tons, and the balance of the fleet ranging from 1,000 to 1,800 tons.

When the North Pacific service was established to Victoria, Seattle and Tacoma, of first importance was the provision of large cargo ships capable of carrying immense loads of raw silk and other products of the Orient and returning with foodstuffs and manufactured goods. For this reason the first liners were equipped with but limited passenger accommodation.

In its North Pacific service the Osaka Shosen Kaisha employs four 6,000-ton and two 10,000-ton steamships reg-

ularly, and at the present time, owing to the great demand for bottoms, a number of 4,000-ton cargo vessels are being employed. These vessels connect British Columbia and Puget Sound ports with Yokohama, Kobe, Moji, Yekkaichi, Nagasaki, Shanghai, Manila and Hongkong. The company's South American service is maintained by two 6,000-ton steamers with six sailings a year from Japan, with calls at Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki, Hongkong, Singapore, Durban, Cape Town, Buenos Ayres and Rio de Janeiro.

The Australian service is a monthly one, and is taken care of by two 4,000-ton steamers connecting Hobart, Tasmania, and Koje with Manila, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. As evidence of the remarkable growth of the business out of Pacific Northwest ports, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, despite the great rise of its fleets, has been forced to charter vessels at high rates in order to handle the business offering.

New Routes Contemplated.

Recent reports from Japan are to the effect that the Osaka Shosen Kaisha is contemplating the establishment of at least two new ocean routes after the war. To meet the requirements for the present and proposed lines, the company is now building between 26 and 25 passenger and cargo ships at the Osaka Iron Works and other ship-building plants in Japan.

DISTRESS CALL FROM STEAMER F. A. KILBURN

Wireless Message Reports Passenger Vessel Leaking Off Oregon Coast

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—An S.O.S. message from the passenger and freight steamer F. A. Kilburn, Captain Wayland, picked up by the naval radio station here early this morning, reported the steamer leaking and in distress twenty miles off shore and 20 miles north of Yaquina Head, Ore. The coaster Cello answered the call from nearby.

The steamer F. A. Kilburn, 612 tons net, was in the trade of the North Pacific Steamship Company, carrying passengers and merchandise between Portland and San Francisco. The vessel was due here to-day three days out of Portland.

May Effect Repairs.

Astoria, Ore., Jan. 1.—The steamer F. A. Kilburn reported last night by wireless that her engines had broken down, but that an attempt would be made to make repairs without help. She has not been heard from since, according to her agents here. No passengers were on the vessel.

Kilburn in Tow.

Marysville, Ore., Jan. 1.—The steamer Cello has the steamer F. A. Kilburn in tow, according to a wireless message received here to-day. No further details as to the cause of the Kilburn's trouble were given. The steamer was reported 38 miles off the Columbia River.

SPARETIME.

"What do you do in your spare time?" "In my spare time I usually write the letters that I should have written when I was loafing on the job during business hours."

Point Grey—Rain; S. E., fresh; 30.02; 51; thick seaward.

Cape Lazo—Rain; S. E., fresh; 29.98; 47; sea smooth.

Pachena—Rain; S. E., strong; 29.95; 52; sea rough.

Estevan—Rain; calm; 29.69; 47; sea moderate.

Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 29.62; 46; sea smooth.

Triangle—Fog; S. E., fresh; 29.78; 45; dense seaward. Spoke str. Anoyx, 8.25 p.m., Millbank Sound, southbound.

Dead Tree Point—Overcast; S. W. light; 29.60; 41; sea smooth.

Ikeda Bay—Cloudy; S. W.; 29.29; 46; sea moderate.

Noon.

Point Grey—Rain; S. E., strong; 30.00; 51; thick seaward.

Cape Lazo—Rain; S. E., fresh; 29.98; 49; sea moderate.

Pachena—Rain; S. E., strong; 29.95; 53; sea rough.

Estevan—Rain; calm; 29.76; 47; sea moderate.

Alert Bay—Overcast; S. W., light; 29.64; 46; sea smooth.

Triangle—Fog; N. W., moderate; 29.85; 46; dense seaward.

Dead Tree Point—Overcast; S. W., light; 29.64; 46; sea smooth.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time) at Victoria, B. C., for the month of January, 1918:

Sunrise Hour Min. Sunset Hour Min.

Jan. 1 6 06 4 27

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PREPARATION OF NEW CIVIC LEGISLATION

Draft of City's Private Bill and Amendment of General Acts in Hand

The last touches are now being put on the City's Private Bill, embodying the various discussions which have taken place. While the public is thon-

Assignee's Sale

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DINING ROOM—Piano in Mission oak case, by Gerhard Heintzman; 66 quarter-cut oak dining chairs with leather seats, dining tables, oak arm chairs, filter, a large quantity of crockery, glassware, electro-plated knives, forks, spoons, butter dishes, milk jugs, toast racks, 2 coffee urns, table linen, waiters' suits, palms, brass jardinieres, oak buffet, oak china cabinet, 4-fold screen, rubber mats, pictures, oak clock, electric carpet cleaner, 4 dinner wagons, paper baskets, electricators and brackets, 150 yds. linoleum, window curtains, etc.

KITCHEN—Gurney Oxford gas range, cooking utensils, electric fans, groceries, etc.

CARD ROOM—3 circular card tables, 4 square tables, 18 oak smokers' tables, 24 oak chairs, bentwood chairs, book shelves, brass spittoons, 4 match stands, games, electric drops, window curtains, cork linoleum.

OFFICE—Oak roller top desk, flat top desk, revolving chair, letter files, office sundries, linoleum, etc.

BAR—Back and front bars, small cabinet, cash register, a quantity of bar glasses, brass foot rail, clock, electric lights, etc.

BILLIARD ROOM—3 full-size English billiard tables and fittings, by Burroughs & Watts, 2 American billiard tables, 8 billiard seats in leather, and stools, billiard irons, hat and coat racks, clock, picture, damaged steel plate from the hull of H. M. S. Kent, billiard shield, large photo, billiard pyramid and pool balls, cue racks and other accessories, about 150' yards cork linoleum, billiard lights, etc.

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oughly familiar from the debates, and the outlines of the bill as published, yet in the drafting of the measure in such form as to command itself to the Legislature, it has been necessary to make some deviations from the line of discussion.

The Mayor has almost completed the revision of the clauses as prepared by the City Solicitor dealing with the Alleviating Agreement for general delinquency, which is pretty much as approved by the Council.

Alternative proposals are submitted for the composition of the Board of Adjusters to deal with Local Improvement delinquency. Either a Committee of the Council or a Board appointed by the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council is to be set up. The principle of dealing with expropriation as stated in the advertisement is extended to local improvements generally. This of course would give the Council for more discretion. To decide the very troublesome question of what property shall be dealt with by the adjusters, the bill recommends that the Council shall have power by resolution to decide what streets are to be dealt through their respective by-laws. It is obvious that the discretion is a wide one, which may give occasion for a great deal of lobbying. What other course could be adopted is not easy to see, as a schedule prepared now would certainly leave out streets where property owners are entitled to an adjustment.

In addition to the City's Private Bill, the City Solicitor is at work on the list of amendments to the Municipal and Local Improvement Acts which will be promoted next session by the city in conjunction with the Union of B. C. Municipalities. Some amendments will have to be made, if as is understood to be the case, the official revision now only covers part of the Municipal Act.

SAANICH SCHOOLS

How Expenditure Has Been Distributed During Past Year.

Brief reference was made yesterday to the meeting of the Saanich School Board yesterday morning. The detailed statement presented by the secretary of the Board to Trustees shows that the Board received \$32,581.56 from the school rate, \$24,420 from the per capita grant, for salaries, making in all with other receipts \$59,553 for ordinary purposes. For the expenditure on the new Tillicum School, \$7,500 was received from the Government, and \$5,519 from the Municipal Council.

The total excess of expenditure over revenue is \$628, the total outlays on all items, maintenance and capital being \$79,481. The Tillicum school site involved an expenditure in the year of \$4,175 and the new site at Cloverdale, \$2,000. The cost of educating Saanich pupils in the Victoria High School in the year was \$5,625.

A table is attached showing the expenditure by schools and shows there are fifteen schools operated (one will be closed this week), the details being as follows: Cadboro Bay, \$917; Cedar Hill, \$4,126; Cloverdale (at present temporary), \$531; Craigflower, \$4,242; Gordon Head, \$1,954; Keating, \$1,903; Mackenzie Avenue, \$4,328; North Dalry, \$3,088; Prospect Lake, \$1,091; Royal Oak, \$2,437; Saanichton, \$1,897; Stratford Vale, \$2,072; Tillicum (old), \$641; (new), \$2,590; Tolmie, \$11,397, and West Saanich, \$1,826.

KEEPING THE QUALITY UP.

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE, the World-Famous Cure for colds and grip, is now 30c. per box. On account of the advance in the price of the six different Medicinal, Concentrated Extracts and Chemicals contained in LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE, it was necessary to increase the price to the Druggist. It has stood the test for a Quarter of a Century. It is used by every Civilized Nation.

The female rushed along the platform just as the train was about to start, crying: "Guard! Guard! Are there no seconds on this train?"

Guard—"No w'at?"

Female—"No seconds."

Just then a miserable reprobate put his head out of a carriage window and said, genially:

"You'll see sixty seconds pass if you wait a minute, auntie."

Juvenile Court

During the past twelve months the Attorney-General's Department has been responsible for the establishment of a Juvenile Court and the appointment of Mrs. McGill as woman judge in the Juvenile Court at Vancouver.

This may be regarded as the begin-

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MOST NOTABLE CHANGE WAS DRY LEGISLATION

Legal Department of Provincial Government Saw Many Innovations in 1917

There is nothing of a very spectacular nature in any Attorney-General's Department and that branch of the Provincial Administration presided over by the Hon. J. W. de B. Farris is no exception to the general rule. As its name implies, the legal business of the Government and the Province as a whole, as far as Provincial legislation is concerned, radiates from the Department of the Attorney-General.

The year now closed, however, has seen several important innovations and alterations of system in branches of the service coming under the immediate jurisdiction of the Attorney-General. The most outstanding measure, from the point of view of administration, is unquestionably the British Columbia Prohibition Act, legislation which veritably somersaulted the social fabric of the Province.

First Class Commissioner.

The enforcement of the Prohibition Act is carried out as an administrative function of the Attorney-General's department, and the responsibility of its active enforcement was entrusted, in September last, to W. C. Findlay under the ultimate heading of Prohibition Commissioner. Mr. Findlay was recommended to the Hon. Mr. Farris by the Executive of the British Columbia People's Prohibition Movement and the efficient manner in which he has discharged, and is discharging, his somewhat unique duties, has been the subject of commendation from all sections of the Province as well as from the Attorney-General himself.

Early in the month of October, on the first day of which the Province entered upon its "dry" journey, Government liquor stores, in accordance with the provisions of the Act were opened in Victoria and Vancouver. These establishments have been conducted by capable officials who have performed and are performing their duties conscientiously and well. The Act generally has been smooth in its operation, with infractions comparatively few when the drastic nature of the legislation is taken into account.

Police Reorganization.

The reorganization of the Department of Provincial Police is at the present time under way, with the new superintendent, Mr. McElroy formulating his plans. The proposal in brief is to enlarge the scope of the police duties with a view to the avoidance of a duplication of work, and to effect an all-essential reduction in the cost of maintenance. It will be remembered that as a part of the reorganization scheme the matter of game preservation, hitherto a quite distinct branch of the service, will be consolidated under the wing of the Provincial Police.

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runner of other changes in the Infants' Act, for the better care and protection of destitute and abandoned children throughout the Province. Another innovation was the placing of a woman in control of the Girls' Industrial School by the appointment of Miss Margaret Bayne as superintendent. Miss Bayne is a woman of excellent capabilities and wide experience as a teacher and administrator.

TIMELY AID BY RED CROSS AT HALIFAX

Press of Stricken City Praises Prompt Help and Efficient Organization

Of special interest to all who realize the wonderful organization and work of the Canadian Red Cross Society, both in its basic function as an emergency supply and in its wider sphere of war work will be the accounts published in the Halifax press of the part played by the organization following the Halifax disaster.

The Halifax Mail says in part:

"Hereafter the praises of the Canadian Red Cross will not be left alone for the soldiers to sing. This great organization made possible the care of thousands of wounded with a swiftness that has saved many lives. The Canadian Red Cross were the first to arrive on the ground with any adequate supply of hospital supplies, dressings, etc., and since Saturday, December 8, all urgent requirements of the different hospitals have been promptly met.

H. Milburn, chairman of the medical supplies of the Canadian Red Cross, was in St. John when the explosion occurred. He was instructed by the executive to act with all speed and use every power of the organization to assist the sufferers. Two carloads of emergency hospital supplies were loaded at once in St. John and by the evening of the day of the disaster were on the way to the stricken city. The Technical College on Spring Garden Road was turned into a warehouse for the Canadian Red Cross supplies, and literally hundreds of blankets, shirts, packages of boots and clothing, dressing gowns, stockings, oil heaters, stoves of all kinds, felt slippers, hot water bags, Bovril, cocoa and many other articles were handed out from this temporary headquarters.

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GOES TO VANCOUVER

Arthur M. Fraser Will Assume Charge of Insurance Department.

One of Victoria's most prominent insurance agents, who for the past seven years has been a resident of the Capital, will leave to-night for Vancouver to assume charge of the insurance department of the Royal Financial Corporation, Ltd. Arthur M. Fraser, for the past three years manager of the insurance branch of the firm of Findlay, Durham & Brodie, of this city, is well-known in Victoria's business community. "Art," as he is known to a large circle of friends, first entered business in Victoria with Gillespie, Hart & Todd. He later took charge of Cameron Investments & Securities, Ltd. Three years ago he became affiliated with Findlay, Durham & Brodie.

"Art" Fraser is a charter member of the Victoria Rotary Club, and in addition to having done his share in organizing the body has maintained a keen interest in its welfare. He is affiliated with the local Elks Club and has taken a prominent part in athletics. Basketball, ice-hockey and baseball are all games in which he has indulged.

In entering upon this new sphere of activities he will carry with him the New Year's greetings of many Victoria friends.

SNUFF-BOXES FOR SUGAR

Snuff boxes are said to be coming back into fashion in England, but with the difference that they now contain sugar instead of snuff. The sugar rationing is expected to make it necessary for visitors to carry around their own sugar and the old tightly fitting snuff boxes, of silver, enamel and inlaid wood are being brought to light for this purpose. There is said to be also a demand for futurist boxes with weird effects painted on them.

This year-working wife of the Tommy at the front was very tame with the "nosey" lady representing some committee or other.

"Oh, you needn't worry yourself," she said; "we're both doing our bit. He's bearing arms, and I'm bearing mine."

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About 200 Yards of these High-Grade Suitings and Coatings to clean up at about half price. The lot includes checks of various sizes; stripes, plain colors and many fancy weaves. At the present prices of wool, the above price is certainly below cost. Widths 45 to 60 inches. Values up to \$3.50. Clean-Up Price, \$1.98.

Dress Goods, Main Floor

Wonderful Bargains in Women's Winter Underwear

Women's Vests in Fleeced Cotton, with Dutch or high neck, half or long sleeves. Regular 50c and 60c. Clean-Up Price 43c.

Italian Silk Union Suits in ivory shade; low neck, narrow shoulder strap, semi-fitting knee. Regular \$5.00 to \$7.50. A few suits only. Clean-Up Price \$3.95

2 only. Italian Silk Vests in ivory, with low neck, narrow shoulder strap. Regular \$3.25. Clean-Up Price \$1.98

Children's Fleece Cotton Combination, in white and natural; high neck, long sleeve, ankle length. Regular \$1.10 to \$1.25. Clean-Up Price 98c

Ladies' Umbrellas. Regular to \$7.50 for \$2.98

Ladies' Umbrellas, with silk or fine gauze covers, and long straight handles with plain and fancy tips. Regular values to \$7.50. Clean-Up Price \$2.98

Ladies' Hemstitched Lawn Handkerchiefs that are slightly soiled through being used for decorative purposes. To clean up at 6 for 19c.

—Handkerchiefs, Main Floor

Odd Lines of Neckwear to Clear Out at 25c

150 Pieces of Neckwear in seer, round and shoulder point effects. Materials are Georgette, crepe, Tussah silk, organdie, pique and muslin. Also Collar and Cuff Sets. Regular to \$1.25. Clean-Up Price, 25c.

Stamped and Tinted Cushion Tops of tan and cream colored crash. Conventional and cross stitch designs. Regular 39c. Clean-Up Price 25c

Bureau and Buffet Scarfs, stamped on cream colored crash in dainty and simple designs for embroidery. Size 18x15. Reg. 50c. Clean-Up Price 39c

Work Bags—All made up of tan linen. Simple designs for embroidery. Regular 69c. Clean-Up Price 49c

Boudoir Caps—Stamped on pink and white cotton voile. Regular 25c. Clean-Up Price 10c

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Infants' Dresses—Stamped on linen finished lawn in dainty designs for crewel and solid embroidery. Regular 75c and \$1.00. Clean-Up Price 69c

Children's Dresses—Stamped on white pique and lawn in dainty designs. Sizes 2, 4 and 6 years. Regular 50c and 75c. Clean-Up Price 50c